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Area police kill another moose

WILDLIFE For the third time this month, a moose in the Ottawa area has been shot and killed by police.

Yesterday morning, Russell County Ontario Provincial Police shot a moose that had wandered into residential Rockland. Officers unsuccessfully attempted to direct the animal out of the city.

When the moose made its way to the area of Carrefour Jeunesse Elementary School, officers shot the animal in the interest of public safety.

Ottawa-Orleans MPP Phil McNeely said the city should hire a third-party contractor that could be available on short notice to tranquilize and remove moose.

The city, Ottawa police and the Ministry of Natural Resources are meeting today to find a solution to deal with moose that wander into city limits.

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Mishap **Runway overshot**

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An Ottawa firefighter walks past a United Airlines Express airplane that slid off of the runway yesterday at the Macdonald-Cartier International Airport. Three people were injured when the plane, which had 36 people aboard, skidded off the runway. Story, page 4.

Homolka denied

Government, MPs strike 11th-hour deal to head off pardon bid

Federal political parties have joined forces to ensure notorious sex killer Karla Homolka won't be pardoned for her gruesome crimes.

The four parties struck an 11th-hour deal late yesterday to hive off measures in a pardon-reform bill that would effectively ban Homolka from receiving a pardon.

The measures are to be passed at all stages by the end of the day today, when the House of Commons is expected to adjourn for the summer.

The Senate, which will sit several weeks longer, must also pass the bill before it can go into effect.

Other more contentious provisions of the bill will proceed at a more leisurely pace when Parliament resumes in late September.

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Talin French-Doyle, victim's relative

Homolka, who served a 12-year sentence for her role in the rape-murders of Ontario teens Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French, is eligible to apply for a pardon as of July 4.

"My family is forced to relive the pain and horror every time that woman's name is in the news. A pardon would be unthinkable," Talin French-Doyle, one of Kristen French's relatives, said in a press release.

"Forgiveness is the right of a victim, not a requirement of the State."

There is no confirmation that Homolka actually plans to apply for a pardon. But the theoretical prospect led to an ugly round of finger-pointing yesterday among the four parties over who would be held responsible if the pardon reform bill isn't passed in time to prevent a possible Homolka pardon.

With no party wanting to take the blame, a deal seemed inevitable despite the overheated rhetoric.

Public Safety Minister Vic Toews confirmed late in the day that a deal had been struck.

"On the critical area of our bill so as to prevent notorious criminals from receiving a pardon, we have an agreement," Toews said.

As to Homolka, he added: "That kind of a person would not be able to get a pardon."

Toews would not go into detail, but sources said the parties have agreed to essentially split the original bill in two.

Under the provisions that will pass immediately, anyone convicted of a serious personal injury offence — including manslaughter, violent assault and sexual assault — will have to wait 10 years after release from prison before applying for a pardon. Currently, they must wait three to five years.

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Guergis pregnant, Jaffer faces contempt threat

POLITICS Rahim Jaffer and Helena Guergis are expecting a baby — a fact that might arouse sympathy for the former minister, but won't likely soften up the MPs who are ready to grill the father-to-be today.

Jaffer revealed the couple's good news in a statement to explain why he had ignored a summons to appear before a Commons committee.

The former Edmonton MP said he and his wife had been trying to have a child for some time and called Guergis' condition a "high-risk" pregnancy. Guergis, a former junior minister for the status of women, would have been in the early stages of pregnancy when she was ousted from caucus in early April.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper had heard as-yet unproven allegations she helped Jaffer peddle influence in a potentially fraudulent business plan with an associate who is facing fraud charges in Ontario.

Just before Jaffer issued his statement, the government operations committee had reacted angrily to his absence and suggested he could face a contempt-of-Parliament charge if he didn't comply with the summons.

They have been waiting to ask him about discrepancies in his testimony at a first appearance April 21 that have emerged since then.

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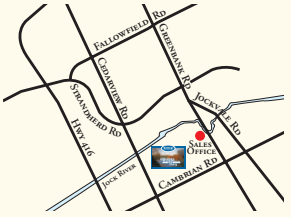

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Love Locks to open at Bytown

In many places around the world, there is a practice for lovers, friends or family members to use a padlock as a symbol of commitment. The Bytown Museum opens its newest exhibit, Love Locks, on Monday. The two-part, padlock-themed exhibit features the work of artist-in-residence Monique Martin, including Love Locks and Promises #1, at left. The exhibit includes oil paintings, linocut prints and a printmaking studio. Love Locks runs through Aug. 2. METRO OTTAWA

Transit readies for 'voice of Ottawa'

Recording begins this week for automated bilingual next-stop announcements

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The voice of Ottawa transit is male.

When OC Transpo's automated next-stop announcement system goes online this October, it will have a man's voice calling out every single stop in French and English, transit services general manager Alain Mercier told the city's transit committee yesterday.

"We spent a lot of time to ensure we had the right voice of Ottawa for transit," said Mercier. "The selection was actually made from customer feedback and employees ... it's their voice of Ottawa and we're respecting their decision."

Mercier said the voice was chosen on the basis of clarity in both languages. Recording begins this week.

Rideau-Rockcliffe Coun. Jacques Legendre lightheartedly lamented that the voice of Ottawa transit will be male.

"Thinking about the system I am familiar with in Lyon, (France), it is a female voice," said Legendre. "When this lady announces the station, you have a shiver go down your spine. It is such a lovely voice."

As of last week, 138 of OC Transpo's 1,000-bus fleet has had the NSAS hardware installed on them.

The visual display inside the bus has been expanded to show the time, direction and current stop location, said Mercier. When the new fleet of 306 articulated buses arrives, they will come equipped with that hardware.

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'Hot fun in the summertime' as beaches to open

FORECAST Beaches in the National Capital Region officially open for the summer season this weekend.

Lifeguards will be on duty at all four beaches in Ottawa as of this Saturday, depending on the water quality levels. Last year all the beaches were closed to swimmers on the opening day of the season. Environment Canada is forecasting a hot day for Saturday.

Beaches in Gatineau Park, including O'Brien, Blanchet, Breton, Parent and La Pêche, open Friday.

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Jazz legend **Honouring Oscar**

TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Sculptor Ruth Abernethy inspects the bronze Oscar Peterson statue before installing it outside the southwest corner of the National Arts Centre near Albert and Elgin streets yesterday. The life-sized bronze sculpture of the late Canadian jazz legend will be publicly unveiled during a ceremony on June 30, in front of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

Feast for cycleheads at Sunday's Bikefest

LEBRETON FLATS An annual festival held this Sunday will celebrate everything to do with bikes.

Bikefest, hosted by Mountain Equipment Co-op, started last year as a three-hour event on the grounds of Immaculata High School. Hundreds of people attended.

Running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the second annual event has moved to a larger, more central location at LeBreton Flats just off the Ottawa River Parkway to accommodate more people.

Organizations, including MEC, Re-Cycles and Tommy & Lefebvre will be offering free bike tune-ups on site.

"This is a great opportunity to have bike maintenance done or learn how to do a tune-up," said festival co-ordinator Nicki Mosley.

Attendees will likewise get a chance to watch a bike mechanic build a bike from scratch.

There will also be safe cycling workshops, focusing on road safety and safety gear and a workshop on better biking techniques, which will focus on technical skills for mountain bike riders.

Furthermore there will be a learn-to-ride unicycle workshop in the morning and a unicycle trials competition starting at 1 p.m., a bike-gear swap and a kids' zone.

"The world of urban biking is expanding and commuting by bicycle is becoming more popular for people as environmental consciousness elevates," said Mosley. "...with Gatineau Park so close and the bike path so accessible, this is a fantastic city for cycling."

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Attendees

- Groups attending include Pathway Patrol, Envirocentre, the Ottawa Riverkeeper, CPAWS, the Ottawa Mountain Bike Association, the International Mountain Bicycling Association and Bicycles for Humanity, which is collecting donations of mountain and hybrid bikes for shipment to Malawi.

News in brief

FIRE A townhouse unit was destroyed after a house fire on St. Laurent Boulevard late Tuesday night. Firefighters confirmed a fire in the basement of an end unit of a multi-unit row, which had extended into the first and second floors. There were no occupants in the residence at the time of the fire. Police are investigating.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY Mayor Larry O'Brien, city staff and members of the aboriginal community will officially proclaim Monday as National Aboriginal Day in the city of Ottawa at a ceremony tomorrow. The proclamation will be part of a celebration.

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What's online today.

Video G20 protesters want their march to be "family friendly" and have filed an injunction seeking to stop the use of sound cannons, at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Noisy Crichton fans win cash for council

The Crichton Community Council won $2,000 for being the loudest and most original fans with the most signage during the recent Ottawa Race Weekend. Organizers started giving out community spirit awards in 2007 to encourage community participation during race weekend. METRO OTTAWA

Three in hospital after plane skids off runway

RAINSTORM Three people were taken to hospital after a plane landing in a rainstorm skidded off the runway at Ottawa's Macdonald-Cartier International airport.

United Express flight 8050 was arriving from Washington, D.C., yesterday afternoon with 29 passengers and three crew members on board.

Two crew members and one passenger were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Brazilian-built Embraer 145 was being operated by Trans States airlines, which has launched an investigation into the incident.

Ottawa officials said the accident did not disrupt traffic at the airport as all other incoming flights were diverted to another runway.

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54-40 celebrates life at 30

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B.C.-based rockers 54-40 will be headlining at the Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival Sunday.

In the music world, where stars come and go, three decades is a long time.

Yet despite celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, Canadian rock staple 54-40 has found ways to keep things fresh.

"When we make new records, we're really hesitant to remake the previous record," drummer Matt Johnson told Metro Ottawa earlier this week.

"We like the idea of changing it up and having a new idea going into the next record. Our fans expect the unexpected rather than another record that was a variation on the one prior.

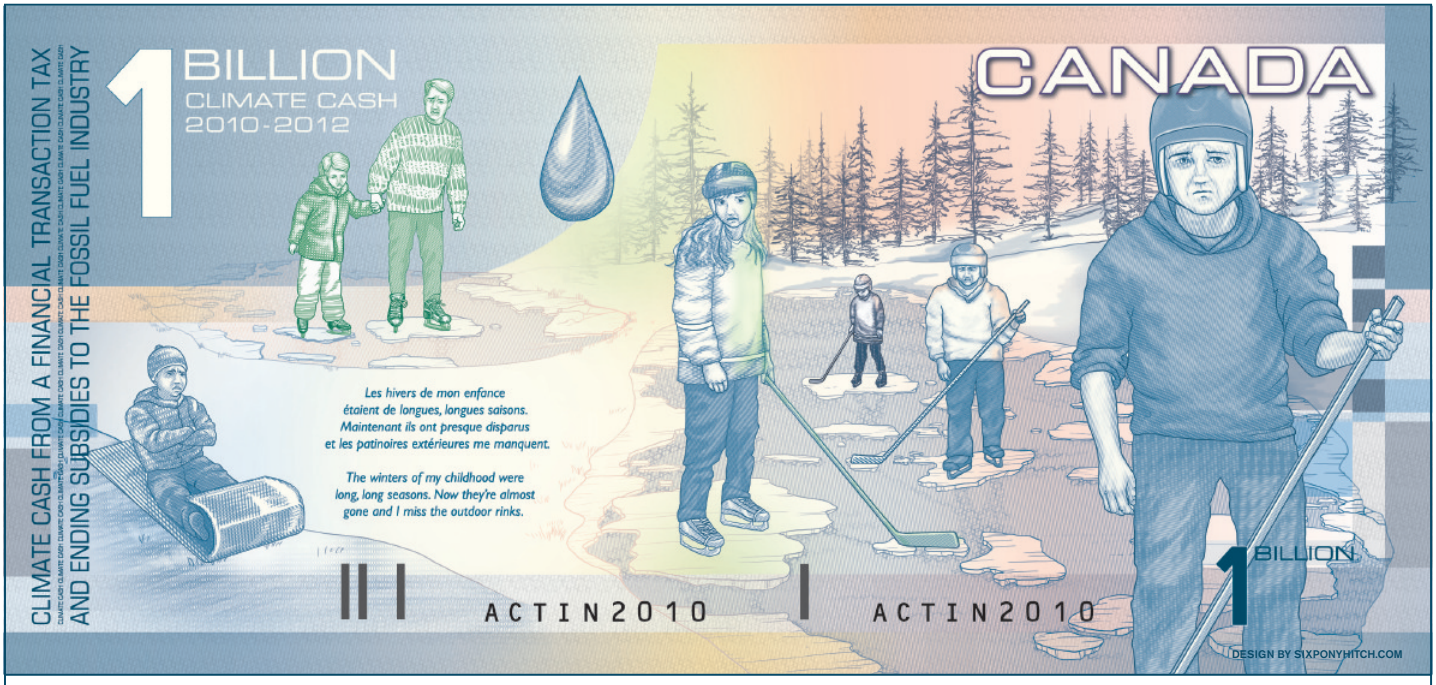
"It possibly could have hurt us, but it gave us creative licence to do what we wanted and in the long run, we're not tied to a certain sound or a certain period of time."

Known for songs including I Go Blind and Ocean Pearl, the B.C.-based band will be bringing its constantly evolving, yet timeless sounds to the stage at this weekend's Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival at Mooney's Bay, where they will be performing as headliners Sunday.

The band, which celebrates the 25th anniversary of its first major label release, The Green Album, this year, has been playing its debut album in its entirety at shows, and such is the plan for Sunday. They'll also be playing "a smattering of material from the rest of our records," as well as new songs from their latest album.

Playing at the festival is like a homecoming for 54-40, who play Ottawa at least once a year, said Johnson. "It's always been a strong market for us," he said.

The music industry has seen some major changes in the last 30 years, said Johnson — there's more engagement with fans and it's now about getting music in the hands of fans as soon as possible — but "the Canadian music scene has been good to us. It's given us a career and we feel very lucky and blessed to be able to be a part of the fabric of the Canadian music scene over the last 30 years."



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Crewman on ship docked in Newfoundland faces child porn charge
A Filipino crewman from the Surfer Rosa, a ship docked in Newfoundland, has been charged with bringing child pornography into Canada. Police said border services officers found illegal materials on the vessel after it docked at the Come By Chance oil refinery. Electronic items and other materials were seized. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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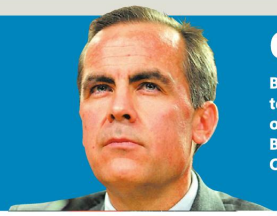

Carney warns of austerity

Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney says the world is entering an "age of austerity" that could take about $7 trillion out of global output by 2015 and restrain economic growth. But Canada will lead the big advanced economies of the Group of Seven over the next two years, he said.

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How do you try an ex-judge accused of killing his wife?

Quebec treads carefully in a unique murder case

Crown prosecutors in Quebec are taking extraordinary steps as they open a precedent-setting murder case against a former judge.

Retired Quebec Appeal Court justice Jacques Delisle appeared in a Quebec City courtroom this week to face accusations he killed his wife in November 2009.

It's believed to be the first time a Canadian judge has been charged with murder, prompting concerns about how to ensure the impartiality of a case where the accused has deep connections throughout the legal system.

Quebec's director of public prosecutions is treading carefully, appointing a lead prosecutor who has never argued before Delisle, 75.

Charles Levasseur, who will head the Crown's team, is also relatively new to the Quebec City area, while Delisle retired in May of last year.

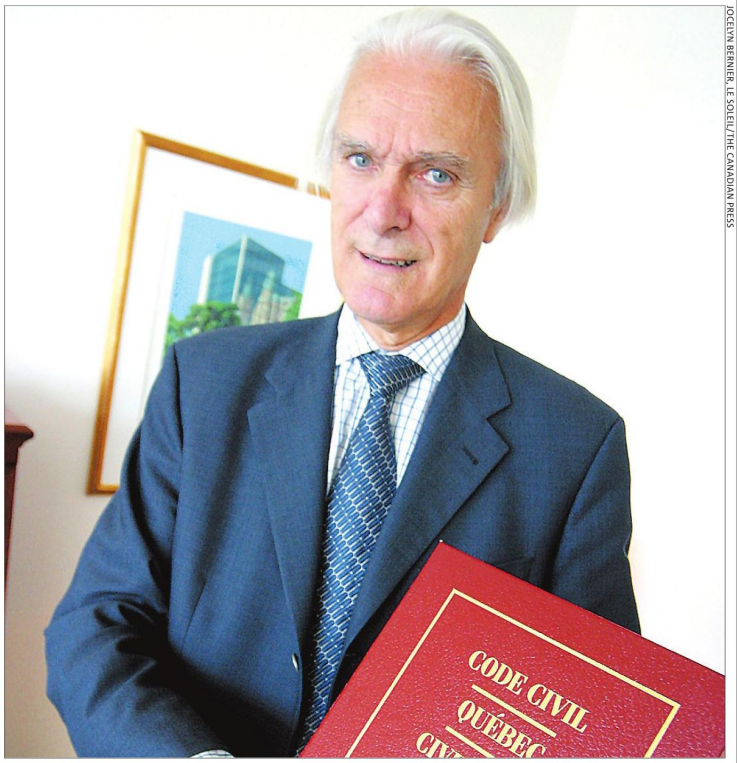
"We made sure there were no links or anything else that would embarrass him during the proceedings," said Martine Berube, a spokesperson for the office of public prosecutions.

Even Delisle's arrest warrant was handled with extra care.

Prosecutors made use of a clause in the Criminal Code that allows a judge to question witnesses, adding an extra layer of scrutiny.

Judges normally sign off on warrants on the basis of written material.

The hearings were conducted behind closed doors Monday and Tuesday, and were held without the accused being informed.



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Retired judge Jacques Delisle has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife.

"Given the gravity of the charges and the person charged it was seen as a measure of vigilance."
Martine Berube

"Given the gravity of the charges and the person charged it was seen as a measure of vigilance," said Berube.

Marie-Nicole Rainville's death had been labelled a suicide, but police reversed the finding after a lengthy investigation into the death of the 71-year-old woman, details of which are covered by a publication ban.

Delisle has been remanded in custody.

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I hope to inspire and empower, says G(irls)20 rep

G20 Summit

ISSUES Girls from all the G20 countries are gathering in Toronto this week for the first G(irls)20 Summit to show what the world would be like if they were in charge.

The summit is part of an international campaign called 3.3 Billion Ways, which is led by The Belinda Stronach Foundation.

Metro Canada asked participants what they thought the biggest issues facing the world are.

Today, we feature Aiki Segawa, 19, from Japan.

Aiki Segawa, 19

Q What are the biggest challenges for women and girls in your country?

A Domestic violence, especially, incidents in which girls and women are violently attacked by their fathers or husbands. Because domestic violence has not been considered a serious issue until recently, many women have not been able to speak up or ask for help.

Q What do you do to help the lives of girls and women in your community, your country?

A Through the actions I take and by role-modelling. Just as I have been inspired by great figures throughout my life, I hope to inspire and empower girls and women by living life to the fullest.

Q How do you think we can improve maternal health worldwide?

A By providing education so the pregnancy rate of young girls can be reduced. Becoming pregnant at a young age results in higher risk to the mother's body and the baby, therefore it is important that girls have the knowledge of how having a baby at a young age can be a risk.

Q How can we eradicate extreme poverty and hunger worldwide?

A Education is the key. If children can't attend school and be educated, they will face poverty.

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Officers charged with assaulting woman in 'physical altercation'

Provincial police have charged two officers who are alleged to have assaulted a woman on a trail near Collingwood. Police say the off-duty officers were running on the Black Ash Trail when they got into a "physical altercation" with a 34-year-old woman who was walking along the trail. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

RCMP The Conservative government says it will bring in a new bill to "modernize" labour relations at the RCMP — prompting speculation the government will take the first step toward unionization of the Mounties. Treasury Board President Stockwell Day was expected to table proposals today, the day that Parliament is to rise for the summer recess. The government is tight-lipped about the bill, and has given no indication until now of how it intended to respond to an Ontario court ruling that upheld a challenge by B.C.- and Ontario-based Mounties seeking to unionize. The ruling struck down a section of the RCMP act that bans unions as unconstitutional. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Twisted' men jailed 18 years

The "twisted" mindset that led two men to believe killing their headstrong 16-year-old daughter and sister would spare the family embarrassment is "abhorrent," a judge said yesterday.

Muhammad and Waqas Parvez were both sentenced to at least 18 years in prison after pleading guilty to the second-degree murder of Aqsa Parvez in a so-called honour killing.

In the weeks leading up to the 2007 killing Aqsa had clashed with her family — from Pakistan — over her desire to shed the hijab, wear western clothing and have the same freedoms as her friends, the Brampton court heard.

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Shasma Parvez, left, Muhammad Shan Parvez, centre, and the mother of Aqsa Parvez, Anwar Jan, right, leave court yesterday.

The two Parvez men believed they could keep the family's pride intact by killing Aqsa, rather than letting her have a part-time job and go to the movies with friends, according to facts agreed to in court after the men pleaded guilty Tuesday.

Superior Court Justice Bruce Durno called it "profoundly disturbing" that Aqsa could be murdered by the people who were supposed to protect her.

"That twisted, chilling and repugnant mindset could imply that the family pride could at least be kept intact or perhaps even enhanced by having two grown men overpower and kill a vulnerable teenager."

A second-degree murder conviction carries an automatic life sentence and the judge has discretion to set parole ineligibility at between 10 and 25 years. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Woman in affair in privacy drive

LOVE A Toronto woman who blames a Rogers cellphone bill for breaking up her marriage says she is launching a campaign to improve privacy protection in Ontario.

Gabriela Nagy has launched a Facebook group to help look for other frustrated customers to join her lawsuit against the telecommunications giant for what she says was a breach of privacy.

Nagy claims a unilateral decision by Rogers to consolidate her household's bills allowed her husband to discover she was having an affair.

She is suing Rogers for $600,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hamilton police on lookout for possible serial flasher
Hamilton police say they're investigating ongoing indecent acts in the city's Westdale area. The most recent incidents occurred Tuesday afternoon, when police say there were reports of a man exposing his genitals to female passersby. Investigators say it's possible that the same suspect is responsible for the incidents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chuck Strahl, minister of Indian Affairs, and Clement Chartier, president of the Metis National Council, share a laugh during a sharing circle in which persons affected by residential schools shared their experiences at the Truth and Reconciliation in Winnipeg yesterday.

Sharing the 'dark, ugly, painful' secrets

The mood was part wake and part wedding yesterday as the Truth and Reconciliation Commission started its public work moving the damage done by Indian residential schools off the sidelines of history and in front of all Canadians.

Murray Sinclair, the head of the commission and Manitoba's first aboriginal judge, explained the purpose of the gathering: sharing tales of what residential schools did to survivors and their families.

It's about closing a book on a painful past but also about new beginnings and writing a new relationship founded on understanding and respect, he said.

"To all those who wish to share their experience with us, I promise you this: If you have something to tell, we will hear you," Sinclair told about 300 people there for the morning speeches.

"I promise you this: If you have something to tell, we will hear you."
Murray Sinclair, head,
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"You will not be asked to prove anything. You do not have to share anything that you do not wish to share."

About 150,000 First Nations, Inuit and Metis children were removed from their families and forced to attend the government and church-run schools over much of the last century. The last closed outside Regina in 1996.

About 85,000 former students are still alive.

Robert Joseph, B.C. hereditary chief of the Kwagiulth nation on Vancouver Island, said his residential school experience left him ashamed of his own language and culture.

"I'm 70 now and it took almost all of that time to share some of these secrets — dark, ugly, painful, degrading, dehumanizing secrets," he said.

The $60-million commission was part of a landmark deal reached with survivors who had filed a class-action lawsuit against Ottawa and the churches.

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News in brief

DISTRACTED DRIVING The director of the Alberta Centre for Injury Control and Research says there should be tougher rules in the province's proposed distracted-driving legislation. Dr. Don Voaklander says the law should include banning the use of hands-free cellphones as well as hand-held devices.

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'If you build it, they will come'? Not in North Bay, it would seem

AIRPORT North Bay's airport received more than $10 million worth of upgrades in anticipation of playing host to G8 leaders but their big jets are bypassing the newly paved runway and are flying direct to Toronto, the Toronto Star has learned.

While North Bay was originally considered as the landing site for leaders arriving from around the globe, the latest plan is to have the leaders arrive at Pearson International Airport instead.

A senior official familiar with the summit planning confirmed that as of now, none of the leaders will be using North Bay's airport. Instead, the plan is to have them arrive in Toronto and then travel to Muskoka, likely by helicopter.

The plan is a blow to North Bay, where hopes were running high the community would be playing host to U.S. President Barack Obama and Air Force One. Those hopes were fuelled in part by Industry Minister Tony Clement.

"We recognize the importance of improvements to North Bay's airport with the world's leaders coming to Muskoka in 2010 for the G8 Summit," Clement said in a news release last year.

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Toronto's Eaton Centre will be getting an extreme makeover — starting this summer. The $120-million plan to refurbish the downtown landmark will be the biggest tweak to the mall since it opened in 1977. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Groups file injunction on sound cannons

G20 Summit

WEAPONS Security forces for the upcoming G20 summit are trying to deter legitimate dissent by showing off weapons more suited to "attacking pirates on the high seas," protest groups charged yesterday.

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association and the Canadian Labour Congress have filed an injunction seeking to stop police from using sound cannons.

"If we have learned anything from the past experience with conducted energy weapons, better known as Tasers, it is that we should not be too quick to use new technological weapons based solely on manufacturers' assurances," said Nathalie Des Rosiers, the association's counsel. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario, Quebec urge feds to get on high-speed rail track

The federal government should get on board with a high-speed rail line linking Ontario and Quebec or risk being left in the dust by the Obama administration in the United States, the premiers of both provinces said yesterday.

Emerging from a joint cabinet meeting, Dalton McGuinty and Jean Charest warned Canada could miss a golden opportunity on fast trains as the U.S. pushes to create 13 high-speed corridors, including Boston to Montreal and New York City to Buffalo.

"Let's take a moment to appreciate the situation here," said Charest, a former leader of the federal Progressive Conservatives.

"It would, after all, be ironic if we actually did more with the federal government of the United States than we did with the federal government of Canada on developing a fast train."

Ontario, Quebec and the federal government have partnered on $3-million feasibility study of high-speed rail due this fall. The effort is meant to update at least 16 previous studies or attempts to study a Quebec City to Windsor rail link since 1973.

So far, both premiers have noted the Harper government in Ottawa appears cool to the idea because of cost concerns, with industry observers saying the price tag of a high-speed rail corridor linking populous southern Ontario and Quebec is $24 billion if the estimates in a 1995 study are adjusted for inflation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, left, and Quebec Premier Jean Charest look up as they preside a special joint cabinet meeting yesterday at the Quebec legislature.

Show of support for charged soldier

COURTS A small group of comrades from the regiment of Capt. Robert Semrau attended his court martial yesterday at Kandahar Airfield in what his lawyer described as a show of support.

Semrau, charged in the battlefield shooting death of a wounded Afghan insurgent, chatted briefly with the soldiers from the Royal Canadian Regiment, occasionally smiling. His second-degree murder case resumed inside a tent that has been converted into a military courtroom. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Filmmaker wins slander case

LAW A former Canadian ambassador was "reckless" and "should have known better" when he accused a York University documentary maker of falsifying footage, a court has ruled.

Yesterday, filmmaker Steven Schnoor won a slander case against Kenneth Cook, former ambassador to Guatemala. Along with $5,000 from Cook, Justice Pamela Thomson awarded $2,000 from the federal attorney general for not responding properly to Schnoor's complaints.

In 2007, Schnoor made a movie documenting the eviction of a group of Guatemalan indigenous people in El Estor by Skye Resources, a Vancouver-based company that has since merged with HudBay Minerals.

Steven Schnoor

Soon after he posted it on YouTube, the 34-year-old PhD student heard from non-governmental organization workers in Guatemala that Cook had told them a woman in the movie was a paid actor.

Cook had also apparently said that still photos in the documentary by Guatemala-based photographer James Rodriguez were years old, not from the current conflict. Schnoor wrote to the Department of Foreign Affairs requesting clarification, but was dissatisfied with the "form letter" he received four months later. He made an Access to Information request. A year later, he received 200 pages of blacked-out emails. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Woman charged after school bus collision

A 21-year-old Dunsford, Ont., woman faces a careless driving charge following a collision involving a school bus. The school bus and a pickup truck collided Tuesday morning in the central Ontario village of Bobcaygeon. Police say there were no injuries reported by the 11 children on the school bus or the bus driver. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fewer isotopes, fewer medical tests

Report shows shortage hit hospitals nationwide

The shortage of medical isotopes caused by the shutdown of a Canadian reactor sent hospitals scrambling to reschedule diagnostic tests and they still ended up performing thousands fewer procedures than usual, says a new report.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information surveyed nuclear medicine facilities across the country earlier this year to put numbers behind the anecdotal complaints that the shortage sparked by the ongoing shutdown of the National Research Universal reactor at Chalk River, Ont., negatively impacted their ability to conduct diagnostic tests on patients with cancer and other ailments.

"The goal of the survey was really to establish foundational information about what happened," said Francine Anne Roy, director of health resources at the institute. "What was the impact on nuclear medicine departments within the health-care system across the country?"

42,594

The number of lung exams, bone scans and cardiac test performed in Canada in October 2009 was down nearly 22 per cent from the previous October.

Researchers looked at how many times hospitals and clinics performed three main types of procedures — lung exams, bone scans and cardiac tests — that together account for 80 per cent of the use technetium-99 (a product of the isotope produce at Chalk River) and found the numbers dropped significantly compared to before the Chalk River reactor went out of service.

There were 42,594 tests performed in October 2009 at the roughly 170 nuclear medicine sites that completed the survey, compared to 54,470 procedures performed in those same hospitals and clinics in October 2008 — a decrease of almost 12,000 procedures, or nearly 22 per cent.

The results also show that when a Dutch reactor closed down for repairs last August, it did not actually do much to worsen the crisis, probably because there are traditionally fewer procedures done in the summer months.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Vancouver **The West wants in**

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Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, left to right, Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach, Nunavut Premier Eva Aariak, B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell, Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie, Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger, and Northwest Territories Premier Floyd Roland pose for their official group photograph at the conclusion of the Western Premiers' Conference in Vancouver yesterday.

News in brief

BEARS The Ministry of Natural Resources has issued a warning after several bear sightings in southwestern Ontario. Residents of northeast Oxford County and part of the Waterloo region are being warned to keep an eye out for bears.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

HST opponents turn to Mounties

TAX Organizers of the campaign to dump the harmonized sales tax in B.C. hope the RCMP will step in where Elections BC has refused to act.

Fight HST leader Bill Vander Zalm says he has asked for a police investigation of a B.C. government website he claims violates the Initiative Act.

The former premier says he went to the Mounties after Elections BC ignored his complaint about a website promoting the harmonized tax.

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Doctors report transplanting kidneys between HIV patients
South African surgeons say they've successfully transplanted kidneys between donors and patients who were both infected with the AIDS virus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Arubans want to talk to Van der Sloot

Prosecutors in Aruba said yesterday they want to take Joran van der Sloot up on his offer to discuss the unsolved disappearance of American teenager Natalee Holloway. Judicial authorities in Peru are willing to arrange a conversation between island police and Van der Sloot, Attorney General Robert Pietersz said. The Dutchman is awaiting trial in Peru in the slaying of a 21-year-old woman in his Lima hotel room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France **Deadly floods**

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A cyclist views the River Artuby in Draguignan, France, yesterday. At least 19 people were killed in flash floods that hit the back hills of the French Riviera and turned streets into rivers of surging, muddy water, officials said.

BP to pay out $20B

Oil giant bows to Obama's pressure on claims

After intense negotiations, BP yesterday bowed to U.S. President Barack Obama's demand for a $20-billion US fund to compensate victims of the disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The humbled chairman of the giant British company apologized to the American people for the horrendous accident.

BP is suspending its dividends to shareholders for the rest of this year to help pay for the costs, said chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg.

Obama announced the agreement after a four-hour meeting between White House and BP officials, with the president participating for various portions.

He also announced the company had agreed to set up a separate $100-million fund to compensate oil rig workers laid off as a result of his six-month moratorium on deepwater drilling.

"The structure we are establishing today is an important step toward making the people of the Gulf Coast whole again, but it will not turn things around overnight," Obama said.

He said the vulnerable fishermen, restaurant workers and other people of the Gulf "are uppermost in the minds of all concerned. That's who we're doing this work for."

Likewise, Svanberg, speaking for a company that has been assailed from every corner for the past two months, said, "I hear comments sometimes that large oil companies are — are greedy companies or don't care, but that is not the case in BP. We care about the small people."

After an initial 20-minute session at the beginning of the meeting, Obama and Svanberg met privately in the Oval Office for about 25 minutes, said White House spokesman Robert Gibbs. The president did not meet separately with Tony Hayward, BP's outspoken CEO whom the president has suggested he would fire if he could. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BP CEO 'personally devastated'

• BP chief executive Tony Hayward, right, says he has been "personally devastated" by the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and understands the anger Americans feel toward him and his company.

Sect refusing measles vaccine

MALAWI More than 100 members of a Christian religious sect have barricaded themselves in a building over their refusal to give their children the measles vaccine, a regional health official said. Members of the Seventh Day Apostolic Church, who remained barricaded yesterday, say their doctrine forbids them from taking medication when they fall sick, as they believe prayer will bring divine healing. The weeklong standoff follows an outbreak of the highly contagious disease which has killed 48 people in the southern African country this year. Another 9,600 cases have been registered, the government said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran to build new reactors; Ahmadinejad vows to punish West

IRAN Defying week-old UN sanctions over its nuclear program, Iran promised to expand its atomic research yesterday as its president vowed to punish the West and force it to "sit at the negotiating table like a polite child" before agreeing to further talks. Tehran, which insists its nuclear work is peaceful, said it will build four new reactors for atomic medical research.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Iran will not make "one iota of concessions." He said he will soon announce new conditions for talks with the West, but first he wants to punish world powers for imposing sanctions.

"God willing, you'll be punished a bit and sit at the negotiating table like a polite child," he told a crowd during a visit to the central Iranian town of Shahr-e-Kord. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kurds urged to ban female circumcision

IRAQ Human Rights Watch called on Kurdish authorities in northern Iraq to ban the practice of female genital mutilation, and said in a report released yesterday that the majority of women in the self-ruled region undergo the medically risky and emotionally painful procedure.

Female circumcision involves the removal of a girl's clitoris and sometimes also other genital parts, usually shortly after birth or at a young age.

Critics say it can lead to painful sexual intercourse, complications in childbirth and eliminates any pleasure for women during sex.

The procedure was performed on nearly 73 per cent of 1,408 Kurdish women and girls, aged 14 and older, who were interviewed as part of a study conducted between September 2007 and May 2008.

The Kurdish Regional Government has come under criticism for the treatment of women on the territory, which enjoys a high degree of autonomy and has been relatively peaceful compared with the rest of Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Massachusetts man indicted for stealing from Catholic school

A professional fundraiser has been indicted on charges that he stole more than $360,000 from a private school run by an order of Roman Catholic nuns. A Massachusetts grand jury indicted 37-year-old Michael Hlady yesterday on charges of fraud, identity theft and larceny. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trying to regain control

Kyrgyz army moves slowly as death toll rises, refugees in limbo

Kyrgyzstan's weak military was trying to regain control of the city of Osh, a major transit point for Afghan heroin and the epicentre of ethnic violence that has driven much of the Uzbek population from the country's poor, rural south.

Troops encircled the city with checkpoints and held the central square yesterday, but citizens reported that some soldiers also were looting food aid, casting doubt on the government's ability to re-establish stability after nearly a week of brutal attacks.

The leader of Kyrgyzstan's Uzbek community said the death toll among Uzbeks exceeded 300. The official toll on both sides is 189, although officials have acknowledged it is likely far higher. More than 100,000 Uzbeks have fled to Uzbekistan, with tens of thousands more camped on the Kyrgyz side of the border.

The interim Kyrgyz government has alleged that attackers hired by deposed president Kurmanbek Bakiyev set off the bloodshed by shooting at both Kyrgyz and Uzbeks, who have a history of ethnic tensions.

The United Nations bolstered the claims by declaring that the fighting was "targeted and well-planned," and appeared to have begun with five simultaneous attacks in Osh by men wearing ski masks.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton spoke by telephone with Kyrgyzstan's interim President Roza Otunbayeva yesterday to discuss the aid the impoverished Central Asian nation will need. A senior American diplomat is heading to Bishkek for further consultations on Friday.

The U.S. has allocated $10.3 million for humanitarian aid, the embassy in Bishkek said. U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said more than $6.5 million of that is for immediate humanitarian assistance.

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Uzbek men pray at a funeral yesterday for victims killed in ethnic rioting in Kyrgyzstan's rural south.

CIA documents highlight failings in Korean War

MISSOURI The CIA yesterday released a massive amount of documents dealing with the Korean War, some of which point to the young agency's failure in the late 1940s to understand crucial events on the Korean peninsula in the run-up to the conflict.

One CIA analysis said "American military and civilian leaders were caught by surprise" when North Korean troops moved south across the 38th Parallel in June 1950.

"Only the intercession of poorly trained and equipped U.S. garrison troops from Japan managed to halt the North Korean advance at a high price in American dead and wounded," the report said.

The release of the 1,300 CIA documents includes 900 papers that had either not been made public before or now contained new information. The CIA release coincides with the 60th anniversary this month of the Korean War's start.

The CIA documents were released on a CD-ROM distributed at the Harry Truman S. Library and Museum in Missouri to participants at a two-day conference on the Korean War.

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News in brief

MEXICO Archaeologists found some of the richest and most unusual Aztec offerings ever in excavations under a mammoth slab depicting an earth goddess and said yesterday they hope to uncover an emperor's tomb nearby. The seven offerings of strange and unparalleled oddities found under the stone slab depicting the goddess Tlaltecuhtli include the skeleton of a dog or wolf dressed in turquoise ear plugs, jadeite necklaces and golden bells on its feet. The four-metre long carving of Tlaltecuhtli was found in 2006 near the edge of the Templo Mayor pyramid in downtown Mexico City. It was lifted out in 2007 and archaeologists began digging underneath.

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Reward on way after rescue: Army boss

Colombia's army commander says a $1.2 million reward will be shared by informants who aided in the rescue of four held by rebels for nearly a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soccer loss tinges South African holiday

Amid World Cup fervour, South Africa observed a bittersweet holiday yesterday with a cleansing ritual and other remembrances of Soweto students whose 1976 protest ignited a bloody and pivotal phase of the anti-apartheid struggle.

"We're celebrating what the youth of '76 was fighting for — and grieving for the loss of life," said 19-year-old Mbali Malinga, summing up the mixed emotions as she waited with her youth choir to sing at a wreath-laying ceremony.

Known as Youth Day, the holiday ended on a somewhat downbeat note when South Africa's national team, Bafana Bafana, lost a crucial World Cup game to Uruguay by a score of 3-0.

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Traditional healers conduct a cleansing ceremony in Soweto, South Africa, yesterday as the country commemorated the 1976 Soweto uprising.

For many, it was a day of relaxation and barbecues while waiting eagerly for kickoff. But in Soweto, scores of people gathered at sunrise, in below-freezing temperatures, for a first-of-its-kind ritual to commemorate those killed in the June 16 uprising 34 years earlier.

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News in brief

CONDEMNATION Mexican soldiers shot two children in April in their family's vehicle, and apparently altered the crime scene to try to blame the deaths on drug cartel gunmen, Mexico's National Human Rights Commission said yesterday. The Defence Department press office said it had no immediate comment.

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Cornell University student gets life in wife's murder

A Cornell University doctoral student who fatally slashed his wife's throat last year was sentenced to up to life in prison yesterday after the victim's father put an urn containing her ashes on a courtroom table and asked a judge for the maximum penalty. Blazej Kot was convicted in April of killing Caroline Coffey, 28. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

China **But do they work in the rain?**

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Performers wait their turn at the opening of the China Farmer Arts Festival in Beijing yesterday.

News in brief

CHILD SOLDIERS The UN Security Council appeared ready yesterday to adopt the recommendations of a report by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon that urged the UN's most powerful body to consider tough measures — including possible sanctions — against countries and insurgent groups that persist in recruiting child soldiers and continue violating international law on the rights and protection of children in armed conflicts.

CYBER SECURITY The federal agency in charge of securing the U.S. government's computer systems is unable to monitor the networks or analyze threats in real time, and it lacks the authority and staff it needs to do its job, according to an internal report. The U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team must share information more quickly and in greater detail with other departments, the audit said.

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Dems losing patience with Afghan mission

A schism deepened yesterday between U.S. war leaders and Congress as lawmakers — crucial Democrats among them — challenged Pentagon assertions that progress is picking up in Afghanistan.

"I wouldn't call it eroding," Democratic Sen. Carl Levin said of once-solid Democratic support for President Barack Obama's war strategy. "But there's a lot of fair concern."

Congressional hearings stepped up pressure on the Pentagon, with Defence Secretary Robert Gates complaining about negative perceptions taking root in Washington about the war. Another top military official acknowledged feeling "angst" about the conflict.

But military leaders said the U.S. effort is advancing. "I think that we are regaining the initiative," Gates told a skeptical Senate panel. "I think that we are making headway."

The debate comes six months after Obama ordered 30,000 more Americans to the fight with the promise that troop withdrawals would begin in July 2011. That promise helped to placate Democrats who did not want an enduring troop commitment in Afghanistan.

But with the intervening months proving to be a long and deadly slog, and November elections approaching, it's becoming questionable whether Democratic backing can hold. And lawmakers were reminded yesterday that there is no deadline for completing a troop pullout, and that the pace of withdrawal will depend on circumstances at the time.

"We've committed so many lives, so much money, here, and we've neglected so many things inside the borders of the United States," said Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy.

Gates and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sought to assure the lawmakers that the fight was worth it.

"We all have angst about this," Mullen said, but "we've put the resources in."

In a separate Senate hearing, Gen. David Petraeus, who oversees the war as head of U.S. Central Command, compared the conflict to a roller coaster ride with ups and downs similar to what was seen in Iraq.

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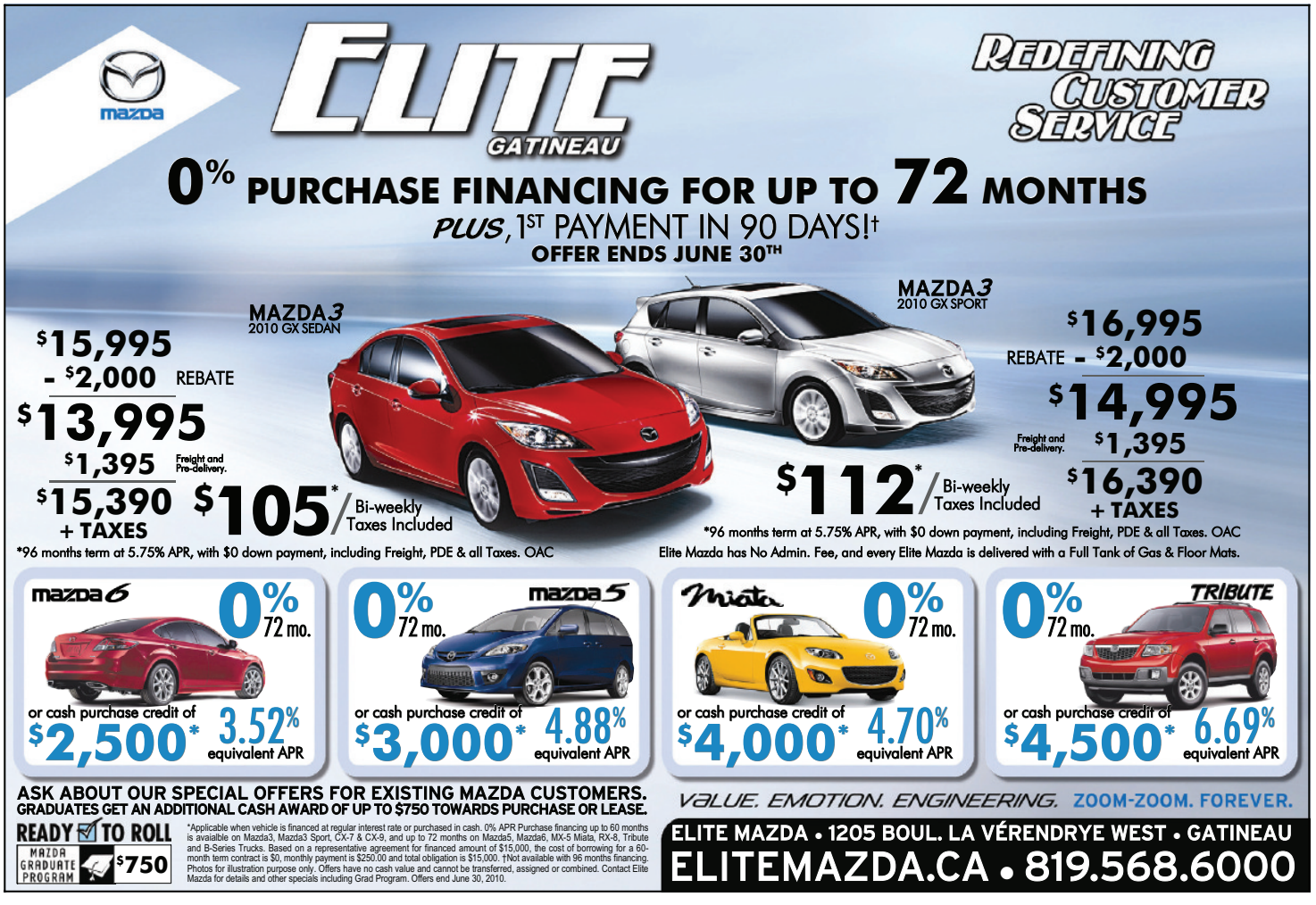


Zimbabwe to rewrite constitution

Zimbabwe's leaders launched a program yesterday to rewrite the nation's constitution ahead of an election planned next year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

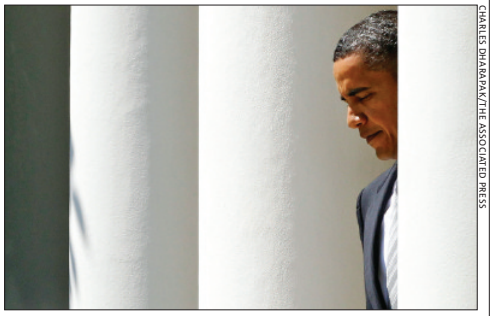
U.S. honours slaves who built Capitol

African-American slaves sweated in the summer heat and shivered in the winter's cold while helping to build the U.S. Capitol.

Congress took note of their service and sacrifice yesterday by erecting commemorative plaques inside the Capitol in their honour. Lawmakers said the memorials will ensure that the contributions of slaves in building one of the world's most recognizable buildings will never again be forgotten.

"In remembering the slaves who laboured here, we give them in death some measure of the dignity they were so cruelly denied in life," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell said at the plaques' unveiling.

The plaques read: "This original exterior wall was constructed between 1793 and 1800 of sandstone quarried by labourers, including enslaved African Americans who were an important part of the work force that built the United States Capitol."



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U.S. President Barack Obama walks through the columns of the West Wing colonnade to the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington recently. Commemorative plaques have been erected inside the Capitol in honour of the slaves who sweated to build the White House.

Lawmakers have been looking for ways to honour the slaves who were used in the construction of government buildings, including the Capitol and the White House. Democratic Rep. John Lewis, a former civil rights leader from Georgia, who chaired a congressional task force that studied the contributions of slaves to the Capitol's construction, told onlookers that the plaques help reveal a part of the Capitol's history that has been overlooked by many.

"Imagine, in Washington's oppressive summer heat and humidity, to chisel and pull massive stones out of a snake- and mosquito-infested quarry," Lewis said.

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An ode to good dads

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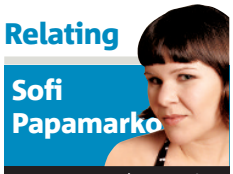

Sofi Papamarko

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"Good dads will let you win until you're 12, but then they'll straight up murder you in Scrabble. Good dads don't want you to go to any trouble."

Good dads remember the rules of every card game.

Good dads make the fluffiest scrambled eggs.

Good dads never lose their patience while teaching you how to ride a bike or drive a car.

Good dads are inexplicably interested in things like "golf" and "lawn care," because if it weren't for them, who would be?

Good dads are genuinely impressive at Jeopardy.

Good dads get $12 haircuts. (I don't know how that works. Some form of special dad discount, I guess.)

Good dads know everything about politics from the '60s and '70s and would be happy to tell you about the October Crisis in detail.

Good dads don't mind when you rifle through their vinyl collections.

Good dads take the boring sections of the paper and leave you with the good stuff.

Good dads cheer you on.

Good dads have a sixth sense when it comes to the barbecuing of various meats.

Good dads bring you ginger ale when you're sick.

Good dads give you money. To see dumb movies. Starring idiots.

Good dads will pick you up from whoever's house at whatever hour and not even mention that your breath smells like a distillery.

Good dads can talk to you forever in person, but whenever you call them on the phone, they will ask if you're well and then say, "Here's your mother."

Good dads will sing the praises of the cookies you baked, even though they're burnt on the bottoms.

Good dads know where all the best toboggan hills be at.

Good dads will let you win until you're 12, but then they'll straight up murder you in Scrabble.

Good dads like Law & Order (the show and also the concept).

Good dads don't want you to go to any trouble.

Good dads are not easily grossed out. They'll gut a fish, wipe an extra-snotty nose and dispose of a cat-mauled bird carcass without batting an eye.

Good dads have a knack for selecting anniversary cards that make moms cry.

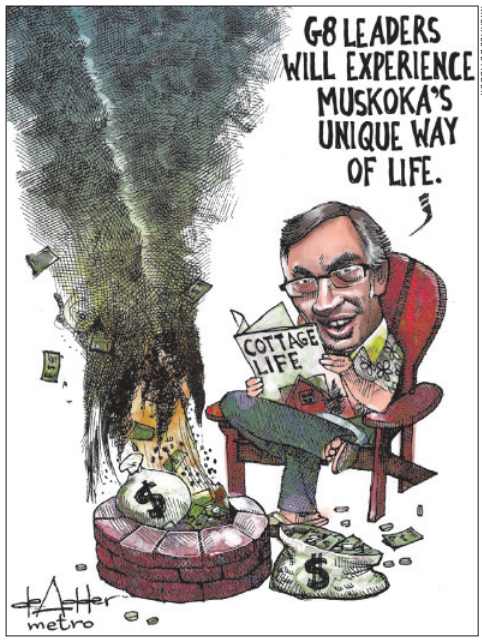
Good dads will let you go to any university you want (even though they secretly want you to attend their alma mater) to study whatever you choose (even though it's completely impractical.)

Good dads get all choked up at your graduation.

I have a really good dad.

Happy Father's Day to all of the good dads out there!

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.



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Views

Getting in tune with your self-esteem

BroadMinded

Melinda Mattos

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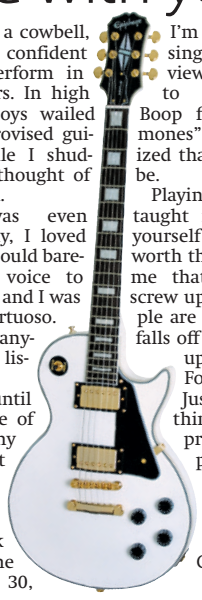
It's OK to be loud. You deserve to take up space. Your body is powerful. You're your own worst critic.

These are the lessons I wish I'd encountered as an overly self-conscious, painfully shy tween. Instead, I learned them just a few years ago, as a fully grown woman playing in a punk band.

Ever since I was a kid, I've been attracted to musical instruments. I slowly amassed a collection that included everything from a keyboard to a cowbell, but never felt confident enough to perform in front of others. In high school, the boys wailed away on improvised guitar solos while I shuddered at the thought of being watched.

Singing was even worse. Secretly, I loved to do it, but I could barely raise my voice to speak in class, and I was certainly no virtuoso. Why would anybody want to listen?



It took me until the tender age of 27 to face my fears and get onstage, playing bass and singing in Toronto punk band The Weirdies. At 30, I'm still no opera singer — a recent reviewer asked readers to "imagine Betty Boop fronting The Ramones" — but I've realized that I don't need to be.

Playing in a band has taught me that putting yourself out there is worth the risk. It's shown me that it's alright to screw up, even when people are watching. (Guitar falls off mid-song? Pick it up and keep going. Forget the words? Just make something up.) And it's proven what I suspected all along: Being onstage feels awesome.

This is why I'm thrilled to see Girls Rock Camp (girlsrocktoronto.org) starting in Toronto. Much like groups based in Portland, Ore., (girlsrockcamp.org) and Vancouver (girlsrockcampvancouver.ca), it's a non-profit that builds self-esteem through music creation, with female musicians coaching the girls.

No musical experience is necessary and campers get the chance to play an instrument, write songs and rock out in a fully supportive environment.

If Girls Rock Camp had been around when I was younger, it probably wouldn't have taken me 27 years to get onstage. But, for the sake of the next generation of rock 'n' rollers, I'm glad it's here now.

Melinda Mattos is a Toronto-based writer, editor and co-founder of feminist teen magazine Shameless. Visit www.shamelessmag.com

Worth mentioning

U.S. doubles funds for cycling, walking projects

The Obama administration more than doubled transportation spending on bicycling and walking last year as it seeks to coax Americans out of their cars, according to a Federal Highway Administration report released yesterday.

Spending on biking and walking projects rose to $1.2 billion in 2009 from less than $600 million in 2008. Twenty years ago, the federal government was spending only $6 million a year on such projects.

The spending on biking and walking projects was scheduled to rise last year anyway, but the administration boosted it with $400 million in funds set aside under the economic recovery program.

The new focus on biking and walking represents a turnaround from the administration of former U.S. president George W. Bush. Mary Peters, transportation secretary under Bush, dismissed biking paths and trails as projects that "really are not transportation," saying they had no place in federal transportation policy.

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Quote of the Day

"On the critical area of our bill so as to prevent notorious criminals from receiving a pardon, we have an agreement. That kind of a person (Karla Homolka) would not be able to get a pardon."

— PUBLIC SAFETY MINISTER VIC TOEWS AFTER FEDERAL POLITICAL PARTIES STRUCK AN 11TH-HOUR DEAL LAST NIGHT ON A PARDON-REFORM BILL THAT WOULD ENSURE NOTORIOUS SEX KILLER KARLA HOMOLKA WON'T RECEIVE A PARDON FOR HER GRUESOME CRIMES.

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Le Chateau changing focus

Clothing retailer Le Chateau is rebranding its menswear to appeal to working professionals who want affordable quality and will launch online shopping as part of its growth strategy. The company expects to offer a 100 per cent wool suit that costs about $350. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Billionaire investor Warren Buffett, right, and Microsoft chairman Bill Gates are asking other billionaires to give up much of their fortunes.

Share the wealth

Gates, Buffet urge billionaires to donate

Microsoft Corp. co-founder Bill Gates and billionaire investor Warren Buffett are launching a campaign to get other American billionaires to give at least half their wealth to charity.

Patty Stonesifer, former CEO of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, said yesterday that Gates and Buffett have been campaigning for the past year to get others to donate the bulk of their wealth.

The friends and philanthropic colleagues are asking people to pledge to donate either during their lifetime or at their death.

The handful of billionaires approached so far have embraced the campaign, said Stonesifer, a close friend of Gates.

Gates and Buffett are calling their campaign The Giving Pledge. Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., said in a letter introducing the concept that he couldn't be happier with his decision in 2006 to give 99 per cent of his roughly $46 billion fortune to charity.

Buffett's plan will eventually split most of his shares of his Omaha, Neb., company between five charitable foundations, with the largest chunk going to the Gates Foundation.

Besides Buffett's pledge to the foundation, he also plans to give Class B Berkshire shares to the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation, which he and his late first wife started, and the three foundations run by his three children.

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On board

Four wealthy couples have already announced their pledges, including:

- Los Angeles philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad
- Gerry and Marguerite Lefest of Philadelphia
- John and Ann Doerr of Menlo Park, Calif.
- John and Tasha Mortgridge of San Jose, Calif.

Dating site wants Apple lovers

INTERNET A website called Cupidtino — in homage to Apple Inc.'s home base in Cupertino, Calif. — aims to connect fans with like-minded "Machearts."

The idea is that if you love the iPhone and Mac maker's products you might be best suited to date a fellow Apple fan.

Profile pages on the site reveal such intimate details as earliest Apple product purchases and lists of favourite iPhone apps.

Cupidtino is the brainchild of Mel Sampat, a former Microsoft employee, who came up with the idea during an argument with his girlfriend over using his iPad during dinner.

Sampat told her that if they ever broke up he would date someone who liked Apple products.

The site, which was initially available in a free "beta" version but starting yesterday charges users about $5 US a month to read messages they've been sent, has snagged 16,000 Apple fanboys and fangirls since it launched in early June.

It's usable only on a Mac, iPhone, iPod Touch or iPad, naturally. And you can only sign up on a Mac or iPad.

Your browser lets Cupidtino know what operating system your computer uses, so if you try to access it on a PC it will lead you to a page that apes Apple's popular "I'm a Mac" ads and lets you know Cupidtino is off-limits from Windows.

For now, it can be tricky to find anyone near you. The site only lets you filter users by country and, in the U.S., by state. Sampat said he and two unpaid stakeholders are working on more features. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fandemonium: Apple stops overwhelming iPhone 4 pre-sales after 600,000 sold in one day.

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Cost savings help Bell Aliant

TELECOM The chief executive of Bell Aliant says the telecom company will reap the benefits of further cost savings this year as it rolls out new fibre optic technology.

Karen Sheriff told Aliant's annual meeting yesterday that new fibre optic cable will reduce maintenance and capital costs throughout the business. Bell Aliant closed nearly a dozen small call centres in Atlantic Canada last year, shifting some of the employees to the remaining larger call centres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quadra mine deal over as Chinese investors pull out

RESOURCES A Canadian mining firm has seen a billion-dollar deal come undone after its would-be Chinese partner decided it wasn't prepared to inject the cash needed to get their proposed Chilean joint copper venture off the ground.

Quadra FNX Mining Ltd. said yesterday it was unable to reach a definitive agreement with State Grid International Development Ltd., which was to invest $900 million in the joint venture.

Under the arrangement, the Canadian company would contribute and operate its Sierra Gorda copper-molybdenum project and Franke mine in Chile, representing $900 million in assets. The two partners would each own half of the joint venture.

But the Vancouver-based miner said the deal fell through after SGID indicated it wasn't prepared to meet the high cost of obtaining all of the permits required for Sierra Gorda.

When the preliminary deal was announced in March, Quadra expressed relief that it had obtained the financing to allow the project to proceed. However, a recent feasibility study indicated it would take a significant amount of capital investment to meet the targeted completion date in 2013.

Quadra said it continues to make progress at Sierra Gorda, where a $40-million US feasibility study is expected to be completed at the end of this year. Estimated costs for completion of the project remain in the $2-billion US range.

Quadra FNX president and CEO Paul Blythe said the company has a number of financing options and will pursue them all since it is no longer under any obligation to deal exclusively with SGID.

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Brazil game finally airs in North Korea
North Koreans finally got a glimpse of their football team against Brazil, 17 hours after the World Cup match kicked off in South Africa. The game took place in the middle of the night North Korea time, but state-run Korean Central Broadcasting aired the match last night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World Cup

Ratings hit

Brazil's 2-1 win over North Korea averaged an audience of 1.2 million, making it CBC's highest-rated World Cup broadcast on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Gerardo Torrado of Mexico gestures during a match between South Africa and Mexico at Soccer City Stadium last Friday.

France, Mexico to meet in high-pressure match

GROUP A PREVIEW
France vs. **Mexico**

GROUP A A French team in disarray will face a Mexico lineup that is growing in confidence in a Group A match today that could be crucial in determining who progresses in the World Cup.

Mexico scored a late equalizer in the tournament's first match against South Africa, taking some of the gloss off the opening day celebrations for the host nation. France opened later last Friday with a lacklustre scoreless draw against Uruguay that didn't encourage anybody except its group rivals.

"They have their names, we have ours. But names don't play, men do," Mexico captain Gerardo Torrado said. "Nothing short of a win is good for us."

France coach Raymond Domenech tried to take the pressure of his players.

"I don't really believe in favourites much. It's always the same, as we saw this afternoon between Switzerland and Spain," Domenech said, referring to Switzerland's shocking 1-0 win against the European champion.

"It's what happens on the pitch that decides things."

Domenech expects Group A to remain tight until the final games next week.

"Unless a team loses 4-0 or 5-0 — and they are finished on goal average — it will go down to the last day," he said.

Unlike last week, when France didn't train in Cape Town on the eve of the match, Domenech took his squad to Polokwane to avoid the teeming rain and muddy fields of Knysna, where the team is based.

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Slow starter

- France is usually a slow starter, having failed to win its opening match at the 2002 and '06 World Cups and at the European Championship two years ago in another scoreless draw.

'Disaster' looming

South Africa could be first host to exit in first round

South Africa will make World Cup history for all the wrong reasons if it fails to beat France in its last group game and becomes the first host in the 80-year history of the competition to go out in the first round.

"It will be a disaster for us, the home country, to go out in the first round," midfielder Steven Pienaar said after yesterday's 3-0 loss to Uruguay which left South Africa with only one point from two matches.

Failure to beat former champion France at Bloemfontein on Tuesday will mean the fans won't have their own team to cheer on for the rest of the month-long tournament in their own country.

"It's going to be tough now, it's going to be difficult," Pienaar said. "We have to watch tomorrow's game (between France and Mexico) and hope for a draw."

As disappointing as it would be if South Africa does go out, Pienaar said the nation would not lose interest.

"It won't change the World Cup," he said. "People are having fun."

By the time Uruguay scored its third goal in injury time, however, Loftus Versfeld stadium was half empty.

The fans had given up on their team after Uruguay striker Diego Forlan had fired a penalty into the roof of the net in the 80th minute to go with his 25-yard strike in the 24th.

The South Africans fought hard but could not match the Uruguayans for organization and skill and the cold truth was that they have a lot to do to become a force in world football.

"Uruguay played with great patience, which we didn't have at the same level," said South Africa coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, a Brazilian with a wealth of experience who guided his own national team to World Cup glory in the United States in 1994.

"I'm most disappointed with conceding the third goal when the game was almost over. It was unnecessary. Now we have a morale obligation to fight to the very end against France; we can't put our heads down."

Asked how he felt about the outcome, defender Bongani Khamalo replied: "Really bad. You see the final result, it looks horrible.

"As long as there's a chance, we have to believe. There's one more game. Obviously, the result tomorrow will tell a lot."

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Dejected captain Aaron Mokoena, No. 4, of South Africa leaves the field with teammates after losing to Uruguay yesterday.

Little sign of home advantage

- Home advantage did not necessarily prove to be a benefit to African teams during their opening matches at the first World Cup to be played on the continent.
- The six sides mustered just one win between them, and players and coaches are split on whether the enthusiasm of expectant fans helps or simply heaps pressure on them.

Sports in brief

STRIKE FIFA and South Africa's World Cup organizers went on the defensive yesterday about security issues at five World Cup stadiums caused by a stewards' strike over low pay. The spokesmen for FIFA and the organizing committee referred all questions to police.

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SCOREBOARD

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Uruguay	2	1	1	0	3	0	4
Mexico	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
France	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
South Africa	2	0	1	1	1	4	1

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Uruguay 3 South Africa 0
TODAY'S GAME
Mexico vs. France, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
South Korea	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Argentina	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Nigeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

TODAY'S GAMES
Argentina vs. South Korea, 7:30 a.m.
Nigeria vs. Greece, 10 a.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Slovenia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
United States	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Algeria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

FRIDAY'S GAMES
United States vs. Slovenia, 10 a.m.
England vs. Algeria, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Ghana	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Australia	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

FRIDAY'S GAME
Germany vs. Serbia, 7:30 a.m.
SATURDAY'S GAME
Australia vs. Ghana, 10 a.m.

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Japan	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Cameroon	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Netherlands vs. Japan, 7:30 a.m.
Denmark vs. Cameroon, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Italy	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
New Zealand	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Paraguay	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovakia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

SUNDAY GAMES
Paraguay vs. Slovakia, 7:30 a.m.
Italy vs. New Zealand, 10 a.m.

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Brazil	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Ivory Coast	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Portugal	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
North Korea	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

SUNDAY GAME
Brazil vs. Ivory Coast, 2:30 p.m.

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Chile	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Honduras	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Spain	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
Chile 1 Honduras 0
Switzerland 1 Spain 0

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World Cup

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Spain's Xabi Alonso, left, and Switzerland's Gokhan Inler challenge for the ball yesterday during their World Cup Group H soccer match. The Swiss upset favoured Spain 1-0.

Feisty Swiss rein in Spain

Tournament favourites held scoreless

GROUP H RESULTS

Switzerland 1 Spain 0

VS

The World Cup needed a jolt. Switzerland provided it.

Gelson Fernandes scored on a rare Swiss attack, giving his team a stunning 1-0 upset yesterday over European champion and tournament favourite Spain.

The loss ended Spain's run of 12 straight wins and handed the Spanish just their second loss in 50 games — the other was to the United States at the Confederations Cup in South Africa last year.

It also provided a thrill at a tournament that has seen few surprises and just 25 goals after the first game for all 32 teams.

"To be fair, I'm not used to scoring goals, so I was a bit surprised," said Fernandes, who got just his second in international play. "It was a bit of luck."

And tenacity. Eren Derdiyok created Switzerland's big chance in the 52nd minute by surging through the centre of Spain's defence and rounding Iker Casillas. Gerard Pique's desperate tackle stopped Derdiyok, but Fernandes pounced on the loose ball and forced it into the net.

"It's just a special moment," he said.

Spain badly outshot the Swiss and held the ball 63 per cent of the time, but could find no way through Switzerland's determined defence.

"Today wasn't our day," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "We have two games ahead of us. We have to find a way to win them."

It won't be easy. Well-regarded Chile beat Honduras 1-0 in the other Group H opener yesterday.

The win was Switzerland's first over Spain.

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From champs to chumps

- Spain vowed not to change its style of play after becoming the latest European champion to stumble in its opening World Cup game after Switzerland surprisingly won their Group H match 1-0 on yesterday.
- Only two of the last nine European champions have managed a victory in their opening game at the World Cup: France in 1986 and Germany in 1998.

Maradona takes shots at fellow soccer legends

RESPONSE Diego Maradona made stinging comments about fellow football greats Pele and Michel Platini yesterday after the pair criticized Maradona's performance as Argentina coach.

Asked about the criticism from two others considered among the greatest players of all time, Maradona said he was not surprised by their comments.

"Pele has to go back to the museum," Maradona said.

"Regarding Platini, I always had a very distant relationship with him — hello and goodbye. We know how the French are and Platini is French and he thinks of himself as being more than the rest of the world. I've never paid him any attention and I won't do it now."

Earlier, Maradona had criticized Pele for doubting Africa's ability to organize a World Cup.

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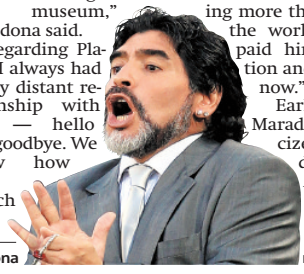

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World Cup

Chile scores first win since 1962

Team wastes chances, but still beats Honduras

GROUP H RESULTS

Chile 1 Honduras 0

Jean Beausejour tapped in the only goal yesterday, giving Chile its first World Cup victory in 48 years with a 1-0 win over Honduras.

Beausejour knocked in a cross from defender Mauricio Isla in the 34th minute to give the Chileans three points in Group H.

"We're very happy, and we have to enjoy this triumph," Chile forward Alexis Sanchez said. "But we have to move ahead and win the game against our next rival."

Chile came close to doubling its lead on several occasions but squandered several chances, particularly in the second half. In the 62nd, Sanchez dragged a clear-cut chance wide after he was put through by playmaker Jorge Valdivia. And in the 64th, defender Waldo Ponce saw his close-range header saved by Honduras goalkeeper Noel Valladares.

Substitute Mark Gonzalez had three attempts on goal near the end.

"We could have scored more goals and we were on top," Chile coach Marcelo Bielsa said. "You can't foresee what will happen, but if the group is decided in that way (on goal difference) then we will rue the chances we missed."

Chile was on the offensive almost from the start, with midfielder Matias Fernandez threatening in the second minute with a free kick that curled just over the bar.

Valdivia tapped one in the net in the 75th but was ruled offside.

Honduras found it difficult to break through a well-organized Chilean defence, which was led by Gary Medel, and was restricted to long-range efforts, primarily from lone striker Carlos Pavon.

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Chile's Gary Medel celebrates with his goalkeeper Claudio Bravo yesterday during their match with Honduras.

Brazil looks to improve after lacklustre win

PERFORMANCE Relieved to start the World Cup with a victory, Brazil now turns its focus to improving for its more difficult Group G matches against Ivory Coast and Portugal.

Brazil beat North Korea 2-1 Tuesday but struggled during most of the match and escaped with a victory after second-half goals by Maicon and Elano.

The North Koreans are the lowest-ranked team of the tournament and Brazil will need more against Ivory Coast and Portugal, which drew their group game 0-0.

Brazil is in first place in the group and a win against the Ivory Coast Sunday at Soccer City will virtually secure the five-time champions a spot in the second round.

"We will have to play better in the second match, we know it's going to be a lot harder," Brazil striker Robinho said. "We know that Ivory Coast has a very good team."

Brazil blamed its struggles against North Korea on anxiety inherent to the opening match and because of the overtly defensive setup of the Asians.

Robinho was one of the few Brazilian attackers who threatened North Korea's defence with his skills and quick moves. Kaka, coming off a season plagued by injuries, seemed unfit and was not a factor, while forward Luis Fabiano struggled and got only one shot on goal.

"The first match is always difficult," Kaka said. "But the victory gives us confidence for the next matches and that's important."

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Jersey exchange

- The Brazilian confederation said yesterday that Jong Tae Se, North Korea's leading scorer, went to Brazil's locker room after the match to exchange jerseys with Kaka. Jong, who speaks Portuguese and English, had already been given Robinho's jersey after the match.

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Baseball boss rewards Kansas City

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig says the 2012 all-star game will be played in Kansas City. The game is a reward for Jackson County voters approving a sales tax increase in 2006 to fund more than $250 million US in stadium renovations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Favre's surgery went well: Doc

Brett Favre's doctor indicated yesterday that his recent ankle surgery went well and the quarterback, left, has a few more weeks of rehabilitation before he will decide if he will return for a 20th NFL season. Orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews said there were no problems with last month's arthroscopic procedure, which removed scar tissue and bone spurs from Favre's left ankle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sports in brief

FOOTBALL Canadian Interuniversity Sport will allow members of the suspended University of Waterloo football program to transfer to another school without penalty, a decision that will contribute to the team's "death knell," according to one parent.

TENNIS Roger Federer has been seeded No. 1 for Wimbledon ahead of Rafael Nadal. Federer, a six-time Wimbledon champion, received the top seeding yesterday even though Nadal recently replaced him as No. 1 in the world rankings.

NHL The Detroit Red Wings and Todd Bertuzzi have agreed to a two-year contract. Red Wings general manager Ken Holland confirmed the deal last night. Bertuzzi had 18 goals and 44 points last season, ranking fifth on the team.

NHL Winnipeg will host an exhibition game featuring the Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks and Tampa Bay Lightning, True North Sports & Entertainment Limited said yesterday. The Sept. 22 matchup will be the seventh NHL pre-season contest hosted by Winnipeg since 1997 (the Jets moved to Phoenix after the 1995-96 season), and the fourth at the MTS Centre.

NFL Washington Redskins players are calling Albert Haynesworth selfish for skipping the team's mandatory minicamp and demanding a trade. Haynesworth wasn't present yesterday morning when the team took the field for practice. The two-time All-Pro defensive tackle is staying away because he doesn't want to play in the Redskins' new defensive scheme.

MLB Pitcher Felix Doubront will make his major league debut Friday for the Boston Red Sox against the Los Angeles Dodgers. The 22-year-old Venezuelan lefty began the season 4-0 in his first eight starts in double-A Portland. He will be taking Daisuke Matsuzaka's turn in the rotation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

L.A. Dodgers 6 Cincinnati 2

YESTERDAY'S INTERLEAGUE RESULTS

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Chicago White Sox 7 Pittsburgh 2
Detroit 8 Washington 3
L.A. Angels 5 Milwaukee 1
San Francisco 6 Baltimore 3
N.Y. Mets 8 Cleveland 4
Philadelphia 6 N.Y. Yankees 3
Boston 6 Arizona 2
Atlanta 6 Tampa Bay 2
Texas 6 Florida 3
Oakland at Chicago Cubs
Colorado at Minnesota
Houston at Kansas City
Seattle at St. Louis

NBA PLAYOFFS

TODAY'S GAME

Boston at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.

Grand finale in Hollywood

History, NBA title on the line for Celtics, Lakers in Game 7

(Series tied 3-3)

Celtics at **Lakers**

Even when Lamar Odom was a kid with limitless imagination growing up on New York's playground courts, he thinks he might have dismissed today's season finale as a bit too extravagant.

When the Los Angeles Lakers take on the Boston Celtics in Game 7 of the NBA finals, Odom realizes it's a fantasy come true for any basketball player with the audacity to dream this big.

"It's historic, especially when you talk about these teams and what they stand for, the pride," the Lakers forward said yesterday. "This is what you envision when you're a kid in your backyard. Counting down, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ..."

Another memorable chapter in the NBA's best rivalry will end with a coronation at Staples Center, where the defending champion Lakers will try to earn their 16th banner while denying Boston its unprecedented 18th title in the clubs' second finals meeting in three years.

For the fifth time in their 12 finals meetings, Boston and Los Angeles need all seven games to decide it. Each previous time it went to Game 7, the Celtics won — but when the current Lakers and Celtics take the court for the NBA finals' first Game 7 since 2005 and just its second in the past 16 years, most will try awfully hard not to think about the history and pressure heaped on their shoulders.

It's fine for kids and historians to savour this scenario, but Kobe Bryant knows it's not a good idea for players to get caught up in it.

"It's got nothing to do with me," said Bryant. "(When) I look back, years from now, or even when I was a kid, (if) you'd talk about being in this situation, I'd be really excited. But when I'm in the moment right now, I've got to play. I've got to focus on that. I can't focus on the hype about it."

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Boston Celtics forward Paul Pierce, below, puts up a shot as Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom defends Tuesday night during the second half of Game 6 of the NBA finals. The Lakers will host the decisive Game 7 tonight at 9.

Alfredsson named co-leader for summit

HOCKEY Daniel Alfredsson believes some things are worth giving up a few rounds of golf for.

The Ottawa Senators captain leapt at the opportunity to take on a leadership role at the upcoming World Hockey Summit even though it will require him to volunteer four days of his time this summer.

"I hope that I can contribute with my experiences," Alfredsson said Monday on a conference call. "It would be fun to golf in August but I'm sure I'll have enough time to get some games in before. I'm really looking forward to this.

"It's a lot of people with a lot of experience so I'm sure I can contribute a little bit. But I'm going to learn a lot as well."

Alfredsson will form the summit's leadership team with Steve Yzerman, Brian Burke and Hayley Wickenheiser — four big names in the sport who come from a variety of backgrounds.

Together, they encapsulate the spirit of the event. The Aug. 23-26 summit in Toronto will bring together key individuals from all levels of the game to discuss a myriad of issues that affect it.

The summit's agenda includes issues such as women's hockey in the Olympics, player safety, skill development and potential harmonization of major international events such as the Olympics, world championship and the World Cup.

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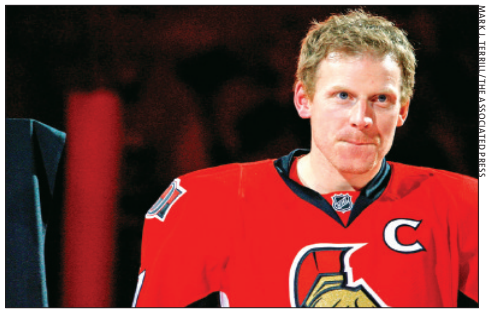

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Daniel Alfredsson, pictured, Steve Yzerman, Brian Burke and Hayley Wickenheiser were named as leaders for the upcoming World Hockey Summit.

Blue Jays add to home run lead in win over Padres

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Blue Jays 7 **Padres** 1

MLB John Buck hit his third home run of the series, Vernon Wells also went deep and Fred Lewis had four hits as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the San Diego Padres 7-1 yesterday to take two of three.

The Blue Jays had no trouble with spacious Petco Park, padding their big league-leading home run total to 103.

Buck launched a deep two-run shot in the fifth inning for a 3-1 lead. It was his 12th. Wells hit his 16th homer on Kevin Correia's first pitch of the sixth, making it 5-1.

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Laminate Flooring

Most people know laminate flooring; over the past 5-6 years it has received a bit of a bad rap as being cheap and fake looking. Laminates have come a long way and technology has improved the look so much that you might not be able to tell the difference between wood or stone (two of the most popular laminate looks). The good stuff will have texture to mimic the real thing and bevelled edges that offer a beautiful detail. Its great for kitchens, bathrooms and depending on the look of your home can go almost anywhere. Great for apartments, condos and budget renos.

PRICE: $4 PER SQUARE FOOT.

Cork flooring

Cork flooring isn't the bulletin-board orangey cork from the 1970's; it's very stylish with many stain/colour options. When stained a dark colour, cork takes on the look of burled wood making it attractive for almost any room. I especially like using it in casual kitchens, bedroom and play rooms as its got great sound absorption and comfort underfoot. Look for it in many of the new model homes as designers are loving the look and incredible value.

PRICE: $7 PER SQUARE FOOT.

Leather Flooring

Leather floors have only recently become affordable. They use to be available exclusively through designers and would cost upwards of $120 per square foot. Now eco-luxury leather floors are made with leftover leather used in the manufacturing of purses, belts and coats which makes it not only affordable, but also a eco-friendly choice in the luxury floor arena. The leather is bonded and then stained in beautiful coloures and sometimes stamped to resemble various reptile/animal skins. Its most suitable for places like dens, library rooms, wine tasting cellars and bedroom.

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There are many option for renewing your flooring including cork, left, laminate, centre and hardwood.

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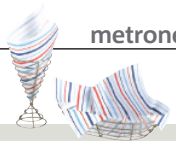

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"For me it's not that different from how I would entertain inside. The same principles apply — a pretty centrepiece that is not too fussy, a nice tablecloth, and I like candles to set the mood in different areas of the yard," said Margot Austin, senior design editor of Style at Home magazine.

"There should be a seamless transition inside and outside, as people tend to come inside and out (continually), so you should make the outside seem as warm and inviting as the inside."

Along with the fire starters, ignite the conversation starters with today's cool barbecue tools and accessories.

"I think what is really cool is there's a cooking utensil for every food you want to make on the barbecue — the baskets to cook veggies, or you can make pizza, cook a whole fish — you can clamp it into a basket," said Austin.

"One thing that I never ever do is use any plastic or paper plates. That's just one of my things. I don't know what it is, but a meal just never feels like a meal. And I like to use paper napkins. You can only try so many times to get the mustard out."

The nonstick Corn Griller Basket grills four ears of corn with one easy flip of the handle. Crate & Barrel, $19.95, crateandbarrel.com.

The sunny, 16-piece plastic Citrus Blossom dinnerware set, part of the Better Homes and Gardens collection, is perfect for outdoor dining. Wal-Mart, mini bowls, $1.96; dinner plate, $3.46; rectangle tray, $11.96, walmart.ca.

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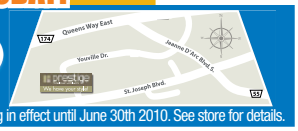

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Home sales tailspin in May

Fall from near-record April caused mainly by fewer sales in Ottawa and other cities

Home sales and prices fell in May as would-be buyers felt the pinch of changing regulations and higher interest rates.

The decline is a "departure from the normal seasonal pattern," the Canadian Real Estate Association noted in its release yesterday.

It's likely that changes to mortgage regulations and rising interest rates pulled forward a number of sales into April that would have otherwise taken place at a later date.

"May was the first full month in which sales activity was affected by these changes," CREA president Georges Pahud said. "An accompanying decline in new listings and housing starts means these changes are also affecting the supply side, which will keep the market balanced and Canadian home prices stable."

Across Canada, sales fell by 9.5 per cent in May compared to near-record levels of activity in April.

While activity declined in more than 70 per cent of local markets, the lower national figure resulted largely from fewer sales in Toronto, Vancouver, and Ottawa, CREA said.

The average resale price fell 1.27 per cent to $340,566 from the record $344,968 reached prior.

Still, the national average price of homes rose 8.5 per cent in May from a year ago, though this is a smaller increase compared to the past nine months.

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Home sales and prices fell in May as would-be buyers felt the pinch of changing regulations and higher interest rate.

The number of new listing also fell four per cent in May, compared to the previous month — the first decline in eight months and another sign of a cooling Canadian real estate market.

"Supply and demand has become more balanced in a number of major markets," said Gregory Klump, chief economist for the association.

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Chief Economist
Gregory Klump

The amount of time it takes to sell a home is expected to rise in the coming months, he added.

"The outlooks for the Canadian economy, employment, and mortgage market trends remain upbeat, so supply and demand will remain balanced on a national basis. Canada will avoid a U.S.-style home price correction," Klump said.

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In some situations, flipping a house can be problematic

LegalMatters

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Q We have purchased a home from an individual who is buying it the same day from another vendor. Our lawyer has stated that this transaction is problematic because there is a substantial increase from the original sale price to the price we are paying. I can't see how this is an issue if our lender is giving us the money. Why would this cause problems?

A There are two problems here that need to be considered. The first one is that technically what you are involved in is called a "flip." If all parties are aware of the two transactions and the increase in the value of the property in one day, it would not be such a problem. However, more often than not, the lender at the end of the deal — that being your mortgage company — is often not aware that the property was bought and then resold the same day. Banks that see this type of transaction after the fact have serious issues with lawyers who are supposed to be acting on their behalf and do not divulge the increase in value in one day. If we have a client who is in this type of deal we insist that we get written instructions from the mortgage company that they are aware of the first transaction, the dollar amount involved and they are still allowing the funding.

The second issue is from a title insurance perspective. They question lawyers who are purchasing policies on behalf of their clients if there has been a transfer in the last six months. Obviously, an increase in the value could flag this as a fraudulent conveyance. That somehow the final owner is not dealing at arms length from the original owner and the increase in the value is on paper only. There are a number of issues that arise and the insurance company is going to want to make sure this is an entirely valid transaction or they would be exposing their policy and company to fraud.

Best to avoid these types of transactions entirely.

Jeffrey Cowan is the principal with Cowan Taylor and McGee, Barristers & Solicitors. The information in this article should not be relied upon as legal advice.

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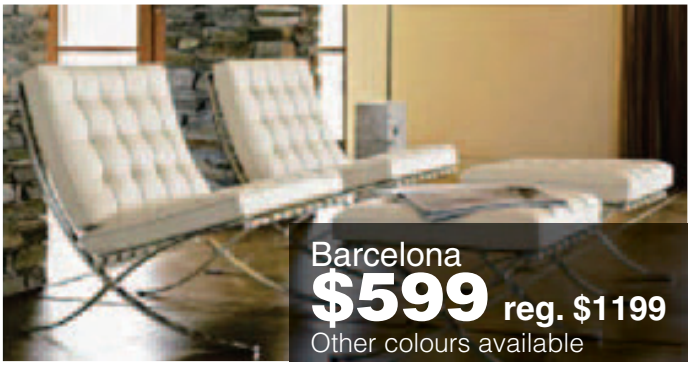

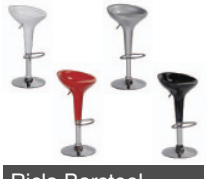

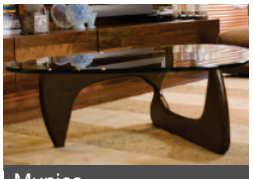

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"Believe it or not, gardening is proven to be a great form of exercise, burning up to 300 calories per hour," says Karen Webb, physiotherapist and author. "At the same time, all that watering, planting, raking, and weeding without proper preparation can increase susceptibility to muscle strain and injury."

To prevent gardening-related injuries, Webb recommends this approach:

Take breaks

Quite often, people spend hours focusing on the same activity and staying in the same awkward position without any breaks. Remember to move around every 15-20 minutes, take short walks and stretch.

Planning makes a difference

Alternate a difficult task with an easy one and keep your work in front of your body with your arms in your easy zone, between the level of your hips and shoulders, while moving with your work.

Manage your aches

To relieve muscle pain and soreness, consider taking an over-the-counter analgesic, like Tylenol Back Pain or Tylenol Muscle Aches & Body Pain.

Use props

There is no need to spend a lot of money on expensive equipment. Using a hot water bottle and foam pad when kneeling can help prevent knee injuries. A bucket turned upside down makes a great little stool for those extensive weeding sessions.

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Colours to avoid
When painting your concrete porch, stay away from solid white or light colours in general because it will make your concrete porch stick out like a sore thumb. Remember that you want it to recede. SYLVIA PUTZ/FOR METRO CANADA

Is it time for a new porch?

From tiling to stone to painting, there are many options of changing an ugly stoop

HomeScape

There's no doubt in my mind that concrete porches and steps are ugly. They don't fit with an older home; a concrete porch looks and probably was tacked on without any thought or aesthetic consideration. Older homes usually have lovely wooden porches that look just right — concrete doesn't.

Even on a newer home, it wouldn't hurt to dress up a concrete porch.

If you've got a concrete porch that is solid, you can tile it. Try a black matte porcelain tile for a gorgeous contemporary look. You can use terracotta or a non-slippery ceramic too — just make sure the tile is meant for outdoor conditions.

Natural stone (granite, sandstone, or limestone), thinly cut and cemented onto a cement porch looks stunning. Faux stone brings down the cost a little, but labour costs, if somebody else is doing the work, is the major expense. Doing it yourself, if you're the handy type, remains one of the best ways to save money. But, be sure to seal it.

The same goes for clay pavers. Since these tend to be thicker than most tiles or stone, you've got to have sufficient height between the top of your porch and the bottom of your door.

Other people decide the look of wood is what they want. This would involve framing and nailing down planks. Again, you'll have to make sure you have enough room between the door bottom and the top of the porch.

Another great way of covering up a concrete porch is with interlocking wooden deck tiles, which are simply laid down. And, you can pick them up and take them with you when you move. How great is that?

Painting a concrete porch may work, especially if you are experienced at faux effects. Taping off rectangles (perhaps three by six inches) and painting the exposed concrete the colour of the brick on your house can work. You can also reproduce the look of wood. Just make sure to use an experienced faux painter, since an amateurish job can look, well, amateurish.

Painting it a flat black, if this fits into your colour scheme, may work. If you want to cover up ugly concrete vertical surfaces, one option is to paint the porch a flat black and attach thin support strips of wood and lattice on vertical surfaces. This can work well if your home is older and would look natural with a wooden porch and lattice underneath.

If you've got roots, breaking up your concrete porch, or serious cracking, you may have to break up and remove it, which may not be such a bad thing in the end.

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If your house is still sporting and old concrete porch, perhaps it's time for an upgrade, see right.

Outdoor is key

- What you want is a tile that absorbs very little water, since a porous tile will crack when moisture freezes. Most tile manufacturers will identify their product as one that is suitable for outdoors.

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Style

Esprit's famous faces

Following on the success of its current spring/summer campaign with Daisy Lowe and Julia Restoin-Roitfeld, Esprit is once again turning to icons from the international fashion scene for autumn/winter. Top models Anne Vyalitsyna and Missy Rayder are the faces of Esprit Casual while Canada's own supermodel Coco Rocha (pictured left) will be featured in the Esprit Collection. The images are set to launch in August. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Ready for more

Two lifetime awards later, Kors is still anxious to explore

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Michael Kors, 50, says fashion designers need to be students of different places and cultures if they want to stay relevant. (Accessories pictured are from the Michael Kors fall 2010 line, which hits stores in August).

Twenty-nine years is a lifetime in fashion, yet Michael Kors' enduring youthfulness makes his two lifetime achievement awards this month seem a little surreal.

At 50, Kors is still the guy who bounces down the runway with a bona fide grin on his face. He's the one who calls his mom his muse, the one who likes to do red carpets, the one who gabs it up with customers at trunk shows.

Most of all, he's the guy who still loves what he's doing, and he has no intention of calling it a "lifetime."

"In another 30 years, I don't know what they'll call it," he says, "'a second lifetime achievement?"'

Kors first sold his signature uptown look to Bergdorf Goodman while he was dressing windows at the former midtown boutique Lothar's. Now the Long Island, N.Y., native keeps company with socialites and stars, and became a celebrity himself on Project Runway with Heidi Klum and Nina Garcia.

His clothes aren't fussy, and he values function so the pea coats, slinky cocktail frocks, wide-leg trousers and cosy cashmere also work for those without boldface names. (Kors has a second, less expensive line called Michael Michael Kors).

He favours the colour camel, offset by crisp white and jet black. And, in Kors' world, anyone and everyone wears aviator sunglasses.

Kors has created for himself and his fans a wardrobe that implies an appreciation for crisp classics — and a hefty frequent-flyer balance. It's "luxurious but low key and laid back," he says.

He's drawn inspiration from Italy's Amalfi Coast, Palm Beach, Calif., and the chicest ski resorts in the Alps, the Greek islands, Hawaii and St. Bart's. It was announced this week that the largest Kors retail store will open next year in Paris, so surely there'll be a little French flair in an upcoming collection.

But there are still other places to explore. "I have never been to Australia and I am doing a huge Australia trip at the end of the year. I'm going to Morocco for the first time — and not because of Sex and the City. ... I've never been to Shanghai, and I'd like to go to Peru. I have a Peru fantasy," he says.

Fashion designers need to be students of different places and cultures if they're going to stay relevant and hit the right trends, he adds.

"If you're a modern designer and involved in dressing people for real life, not costumes, the simple truth is fashion is about the zeitgeist. It's about what's right for the moment so the designers have to be plugged in and aware of what's going on," Kors says. "You have to be aware of what's going on in art, politics, the theatre — it might be the way a girl tucked her shirt in."

So, trends don't emerge from a secret round-table discussion among top labels? No, Kors says, but it's not a bad idea.

"It would be easier if we did all sit in a room. Why don't we all get together have a cup of coffee and chat?"

Kors knows what he doesn't want to see more of: No more crazy clunky heels paired with micro-minis and no more rompers. They're both part of the overwrought style that came with the 2000s that seem dated now, he says.

"I am very happy that we're getting out of what I think has been a decade of too much excess. ... Suddenly people felt like they've gorged themselves on fettuccine Alfredo, and now they're looking for something beautifully prepared and simple — a fresh tomato and mozzarella, a great steak."

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Project Runway alum goes digital

PEOPLE Fashion designer Kendra Francis is going digital as she broadens her brand with several new ventures.

The Project Runway Canada alum behind the Toronto-based luxury apparel brand Franke, is launching the L.A.B. web boutique.

The online shop will feature a mix of items from signature basics to limited-edition pieces ranging from $50 to $500. Francis's Franke label will be producing a complementary accessory line that will also be available at the online boutique, which can be found at iamfranke.com.

In addition, Franke will be joining other Toronto-based designers as part of an iPhone application venture called Stylefile.

The app allows users to check out independent designers and boutiques around the world.

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Buddhism-inspired jewelry
Designer Valerie Johns — a psychologist, Buddhist and artist — has infused ancient Buddhist powers into her newest collection of jewelry called Jizo and Chibi. View it at http://jizoandchibi.com/jewelry. Pieces range from $50 to $200. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Dolce & Gabbana World Cup 2010 campaign. Inset: Designers Stefano Gabbana and Domenico Dolce.

Tailoring, football and underwear

A look back at 20 years of Dolce & Gabbana menswear

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News

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November 1994
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January 2004
• Avid football fans, the designers release the book Calcio, which pays tribute to soccer players through images of 44 athletes all dressed in Keanu Reeves to wear Dolce & Gabbana. It's the beginning of a long professional relationship.

September 2004
• Keanu Reeves to wear Dolce & Gabbana create the uniforms for the A.C. Milan soccer team.

June 2006
• The designers form an exclusive agreement to dress the World Cup Italy team.

January 2009
• Mickey Rourke becomes the latest in a long line of celebrities including Brad Pitt, Orlando Bloom, Robert Pattinson, Al Pacino and Keanu Reeves to wear Dolce & Gabbana on the red carpet.

March 2010
• D&G taps some of Italy's most popular and chiseled World Cup athletes to appear in its underwear ads.

Mickey Rourke at the Screen Actors Guild Award.

Show some flair

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RICK MCGINNIS
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It used to be a lot easier for men to be dandies, but menswear has been basically dour for years, and there aren't a lot of ways to show some flair if you wear a suit to work – which means it's time to talk about cufflinks.

"It's one of the only accessories left for men unless you're pierced," says Victoria McPhedran of Green Shag, the Toronto custom shirtmaker that also does a booming business with its own line of cufflinks. With husband Neil and their third partner, jeweler Ibai Demircache, Green Shag has produced a series of themed cufflink collections with immense graphic appeal as well as some high-end link sets that range from blingy to sculptural.

Cufflinks are the last vestige of the complicated engineering that went into shirts back when collars, cuffs and even shirtfronts were all separate items, to be held together with strings and studs. They've outlasted the tie tack, the collar bar and the tie clip as men's accessories, and have managed to survive, even thrive, with the persistence of french cuffs and the revival of bespoke shirtmaking.

Green Shag sells sports-themed cufflinks inspired by hockey, basketball, golf and curling, and a line with Hockey Canada's logos that sold well after our big win at the winter Olympics. There are sets featuring punchy, colourful graphics and another devoted to details of Canadian currency that got a quiet endorsement recently when Mark Carney, governor of the Bank of Canada, dropped by the shop to pick up a few pairs.

They've done custom work for clients such as W Hotels, as well as private commissions, like the one for the fiancée of a man who collected burlesque-themed links, who wanted him to wear a pair with her likeness on them on their wedding day; the McPhedrans set up a shoot with a photographer friend to make it happen. Then there's their best-selling "groomsmen" collection, which sports a picture of a rooster on one link and a beaver on the other. (Think about it for a moment.)

McPhedran says that a lot of cufflink collectors might not wear them every day, but they do want unique items to mark special occasions. "We have some really conservative flashes of colour cufflinks that you can wear on a daily basis, but those sorts of cufflinks are like a t-shirt that says something funny on it; you wouldn't wear it in certain situations."

Shannon Stewart is a senior buyer and manager of sportswear for Harry Rosen, and sees a sort of informal etiquette to choosing cufflinks, like not competing with your boss for flashiest links. "You probably don't want to wear a suit that's more expensive than your boss' as well. It does follow with those unwritten rules of what's appropriate. Similarly you don't want to wear a watch that's more expensive than what your boss is wearing. Thankfully there's a lot of choice in the market."

Stewart is particularly fond of a line Rosen carries by London's Robert Totosian, which feature jeweled animals, tiny watches, and a little globe that spins on its axis. "They're conversation pieces," Stewart says. "When you see a guy wearing a french cuff shirt and cufflinks there's definitely something to talk about, because he's chosen to express his personality with it."

Cufflinks pictured, counter clockwise from top: Robert Totosian globe and square-shaped with blue jewel, both Harry Rosen, $360 each; assorted Warhol cufflinks, $80 each (greenshag.com) and Bull & Bear, tiffany.ca, $305.

Klein arrested in L.A.

Actor Chris Klein has been arrested in Los Angeles on suspicion of drunken driving. The California Highway Patrol says in a release that the 31-year-old American Pie and Election star was pulled over early yesterday in the San Fernando Valley. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entertainment

The Captains

William Shatner will be firmly in charge of the captain's log when he helms an upcoming feature-length documentary about his storied life, which is to be called The Captains.
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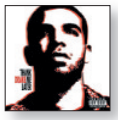
Canada's great hip-hop hope

Drake

Album: Thank Me Later
Label: Cash Money /Motown/Universal
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕



TORONTO'S DRAKE IS Canada's great hope for hip-hop credibility. As a singer and rapper, he's got the goods to keep Thank Me Later fresh, eschewing hip-hop's trite stereotypes in favour of self-examination, be it his inability to find love or enjoy the success he's already found. But unlike other rappers, like Kid Cudi or B.o.B., Drake only has one setting: Chilled and introspective. He wears it well, but when you've got Nicky Minaj, Jay-Z and Weezy on your debut, it's hard not to be a bit disappointed by this wet blanket. Nevertheless, Thank Me Later should still succeed where other Can-rappers didn't.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Robyn

Album: Body Talk Pt. 1
Label: Interscope/Universal
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

NO ONE'S CAREER has gone through more incarnations than Robyn's. The U.K, pop star started off as a sappy singer when she was 16, became an electro indie act eight years later, and now she's trying her hand and minimalist pop. Luckily for her, whatever she does is pretty good (well, maybe not the early stuff). Her latest is part one of a trilogy and sees the Swedish vocalist sing over aggressive keyboard beats and weird electro blips. Her melodies are as catchy as any mainstream singer, but the presentation is better suited for a dark club than an arena.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers

Album: MOJO
Label: Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

IF THIS WAS anyone but Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, MOJO would be labelled "early '70s derivative." Petty and company return to their pre-Damned-the-Torpedoes roots. You can hear the Allman-Brothers in the rolling double guitar of First Flash of Freedom, J.J. Cale in the Oakie shuffle of Candy, and the howling boogie of Paul Butterfield on Jefferson Jericho Blues (a tongue-in-cheek ode to Thomas Jefferson's slave/lover Sally Hemings). Petty is getting sentimental as he steps into his twilight years. And why not? It gives him a chance to stretch out and showcase the talents of his remarkable band.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Thank Me Later, the debut album from Drake, features guests Nicky Minaj, Jay-Z and Weezy.

Sarah McLachlan

Album: Laws of Illusion
Label: Nettwerk Music
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

IT'S EASY TO understand why a guy (especially a drummer) would want to marry a woman like Sarah McLachlan. But once married (Ashwin Sood), it's probably a good idea to stay married. Otherwise, you're going to end up being the subject of your ex's next album. Our Sarah is nothing, if not an emoter. And that wonderfully elasticized voice über-oozes emotion all over tracks like Illusions of Bliss, Rivers of Love, Heartbreak (actually, the most lighthearted tune on the CD), Love Come, Awakenings and Don't Give Up On Us. I've missed a couple of tracks here, but you've probably got the picture. McLachlan fans are going to love it. When the gush gets too much, it's easy to settle into the exquisite production work of Pierre Marchand and the superb, multilayered guitars supplied by Luke Doucet, Bill Dillon and Colin Cripps.

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Devo

Album: Something for Everybody
Label: Warner
Rating: ⊕⊕½

THIRTY YEARS AGO, Devo was considered cutting edge, if not subversive. Here, however, the artistes from Akron sound like just another '80s synth-pop band with a nerdish sense of humour. Once Mark Mothersbaugh and Gerald Casal had unleashed their wonderfully bizarre "Devolution" theory on the cultural landscape, there were few other places for them to go. Let's face it, Devo was a single-joke band, little more than a novelty act. This re-union album — the first studio effort in 20 years — is just an excuse to squeeze into the old industrial coveralls and revisit their youth.

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Bristol, Palin working on relationship

There may be a thawing in relations between exes Bristol Palin and Levi Johnston. Johnston's manager, Tank Jones, says the two are spending more time together for their son's sake. But Jones says they're not back together. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Singers get soccer fever

Never mind who wins on the field. There's another, more melodic, World Cup battle afoot — on the music charts, in the stands and blaring from radios and mobile phones around the world.

As 32 teams compete in South Africa for soccer's highest prize, a musical outpouring by artists and supporters from London to Berlin to Seoul is urging their teams to victory — or, in England's case, begging them not to disappoint the fans again.

England's vast number of patriotic soccer anthems stand in contrast to its meagre success in international competition. It hasn't won the World Cup since 1966, and the fans won't let the players forget it.

On the Simon Cowell-produced song Shout for England — currently No. 1 in the British singles chart — rapper Dizzee Rascal implores players to "set aside your ego/We're tired of bragging about 40-odd years ago."

Music is a vital part of soccer, whether it's the pop songs advertisers use to sell running shoes and soft drinks or the tunes downloaded by soccer supporters around the world, or the chants and anthems bellowed by fans.

Alongside the fans, big businesses and a host of major recording artists are also seeking a bit of World Cup magic.

Tournament organizer FIFA has named both an official tournament song, Colombian singer Shakira's Waka Waka, and an official anthem, R. Kelly's Sign of a Victory.

Coca-Cola has chosen Somali-Canadian rapper K'Naan's Wavin' Flag as the song to capture the joyous sense of community at the event — and sell some soda. Pepsi is using Akon and Keri Hilson's Oh Africa for its World Cup ad.

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Shakira, above right, and K'Naan perform at the World Cup opening ceremony in South Africa.

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Stewart talks Breaking Dawn

The stars of Twilight are already looking forward to their vampire franchise's final two instalments.

Author Stephenie Meyer's fourth and final book Breaking Dawn is splitting into two parts, and while scripts are still being written, star Kristen Stewart says she knows exactly where the fourth movie should end: With Bella having just given birth and Edward being forced to change her into a vampire to save her life.

"I feel like it's so obvious where you break it up. It's as soon as she turns," Stewart told AP Television at a weekend publicity event for the third Twilight film, Eclipse, opening June 30. Gosh, you open your eyes to this different world, right? That would be amazing."

Stewart said she's looking forward to her character's development in the final two films, the first of which is set for release Nov. 18, 2011.

"It's such a crazy concept though," she said. "I'm going to be playing a wife and a mother and a vampire. I haven't read the scripts ... but I don't see where it could split other than when she turns. ... I'm really curious as to what I'm going to be doing in the next six months."

Co-star Taylor Lautner said he approved of Stewart's idea, and praised the decision by film distributor Summit Entertainment to break up the last book.

"There's so much to cover," he said. "Because you've got to deal with the marriage, you've got to deal with the kid. I mean, maybe the split of the wolf-pack, because that's very important as well. But it'll be interesting. Wherever it splits, whatever happens, I'm trusting (director) Bill Condon, because he's extremely talented."

Condon, who directed Dreamgirls and Kinsey, will direct both films.

Stewart said she actually can't wait for the franchise that made her a star — and a paparazzi target — to come to its conclusion.

"Gosh I mean come on, get on with it definitely," she said. "The feeling that I get before and during working on a new movie is you want the story to be told so bad because you're worried that it's not going to be right and get out. I'm so concerned with getting every scene right."

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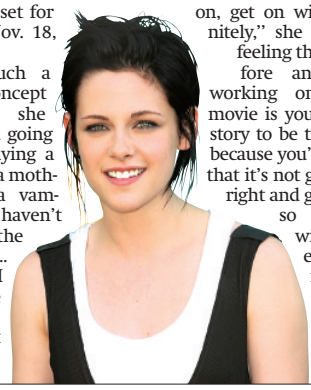

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‘Stroke of luck’

Phil Collins remains humble in light of Songwriters award

Even though he has written songs that have become etched into pop culture, from Against All Odds to In the Air Tonight, Phil Collins insists he has no special formula for writing a hit.

“It’s all a stroke of luck, it’s a complete accident,” he said in an interview this week. “I’ve never purposely crafted a song to be a hit my life.”

But luck rarely strikes so often. So, tonight, the Songwriters Hall of Fame will give the former Genesis frontman its highest honour, the Johnny Mercer Award, during ceremonies in New York City.

It’s the second major honour this year for the 59-year-old Collins; in March, Genesis was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Collins has already been inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, but getting this special honour was such a shock, he didn’t quite believe it. When he got the email, he called his manager and asked if he would be presenting the award instead of receiving it.

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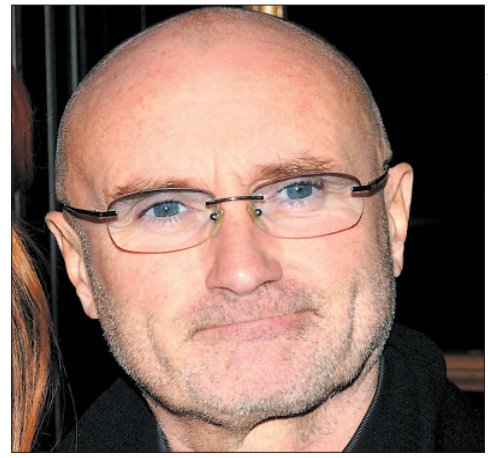

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Phil Collins will be given top honours for his songwriting career.

Entertainment in brief

MUSIC A free concert by up-and-coming Canadian rapper Drake and pop band Hanson was cancelled Tuesday after twice as many people as anticipated showed up to the venue and many became unruly, police said.

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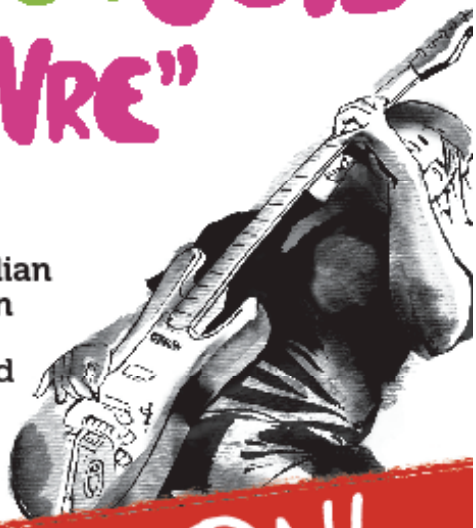

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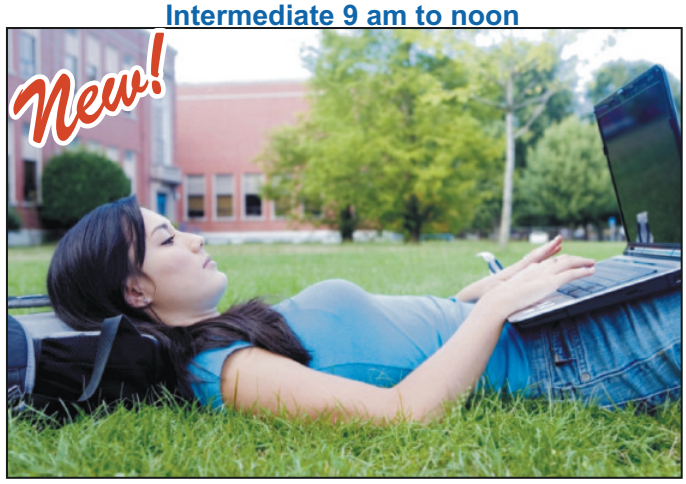

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Chan enjoyed more serious role
Jackie Chan says his serious role in The Karate Kid was a pleasant break from his usual action-comedy parts. Chan's turn as the stern Mr. Han, the Mr. Miyagi character in the remake of the '80s hit, has won praise from reviewers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Will Arnett stars alongside Keri Russell in Running Wilde.

Arnett Running Wilde while shooting series in Vancouver

TV SHOW Canadian comic Will Arnett returned to his home country to shoot the pilot for his upcoming comedy, Running Wilde, but producers have deemed Vancouver not opulent enough to base the entire series there.

Executives with Lionsgate Television offered a sneak peek of the show at the Banff World Television Festival this week, as they sought a Canadian broadcaster for the outlandish sitcom, in which Arnett stars as a wealthy playboy.

The Toronto-born Arnett plays Steve Wilde, the billionaire son of an oil tycoon determined to woo his childhood sweetheart, Emmy, played by Felicity's Keri Russell.

The sticking point is that Emmy is a staunch humanitarian living in the Peruvian rain forest with her 12-year-old daughter Puddle and eco-warrior boyfriend. Much of the comedy arises in Wilde's buffoonish attempts to impress Emmy.

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Gervais longs to be Canadian

Comic says he remains hesitant to trace family's Canuck roots

Brit comic Ricky Gervais says he looked into getting Canadian citizenship many years ago, thinking it would be "useful in a war."

The sharp-tongued funnyman was born in England to a French-Canadian soldier from London, Ont., and said Tuesday he considered becoming a Canuck about 10 years ago, joking it could come in handy.

"I thought that would be useful. In a war," Gervais quipped, pausing for dramatic effect before his punchline. "You're like a big Switzerland."

Gervais revealed the aborted bid while walking a red carpet at the Banff World Television Festival, where he was presented with the Sir Peter Ustinov comedy award.

"I thought I could get one automatically because my father's Canadian, but it doesn't work like that," he said.

"I wanted duel citizenship, I want the best of both worlds. I don't want to swap it, I want two passports, like (fictional spy) Jason Bourne, he's got loads. You never know, you see."

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Ricky Gervais will star in a new comedy called Life's Too Short.

Gervais says he may trace his Canadian roots one day, but was hesitant to do so after his podcast pal Karl Pilkington cautioned him against it.

"I'm always scared I'll find something really awful. As Karl Pilkington said, 'You know, if you had someone really good in your family, like Einstein, they'd be telling you about it. So, what you find out is that your great-great-grandfather used to visit prostitutes and was probably a mass murderer. So, don't look.'"

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Ricky Gervais

Gervais discussed his new series, Life's Too Short, during a keynote address at the Banff World Television Festival.

"It's the funniest thing we've done," said Gervais, who also confirmed that he will appear on the upcoming season of HBO's Curb Your Enthusiasm.

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30 Rock
Liz (Tina Fey) gets a new perspective on what life is like for Jenna (Jane Krakowski) as production begins on "Dealbreakers." Under pressure from Devin (guest star Will Arnett), Jack tries to make the talk show a hit. Everyone pitches in to help Tracy (Tracy Morgan) as he tries to prove his commitment to his wife (guest star Sherri Shepherd) in "Dealbreakers Talk Show No. 0001." Whoopi Goldberg, Kristian Alfonso and Chris Parnell also guest star. 9:30 PM on 15 CITY 9 NBC

MasterWorks
The new documentary "Silence at the Heart of Things" profiles Oliver Schroer, the beloved Ontario-born fiddler and composer who succumbed to leukemia in 2008 at age 52. It follows Schroer through the last months of his life as he collaborates with other musicians and shares his thoughts on music in general and the fiddle in particular. Footage of his last concert, held less than a month before he died, is also featured. 10 PM on 2 TVO

Bite into some raw cuisine

Eat raw at the Simply Raw Festival where a raw vegan pie contest will be held Saturday Central Park, 19 Clemow Ave., Glebe from 10 a.m. Free. simplyraw.ca SHARI GOODMAN/FOR METRO OTTAWA

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Rating: ●●●●½
Signature Dish: $30 table d'hôte every Friday night

West End Station Bistro is an old friend to me. I have been going there since the early '90s when it was still at the end of the strip mall that used to house IKEA. Its walls have heard many of my intimate conversations between bites of tasty morsels. Celebrations of births and babies. Discussions about love and marriage. Whispers about health and life.

To start, the tomato soup, included as part of the $30 Friday night table d'hôte, was velvety and rich with just the right amount of tanginess. The New York steak was grilled to perfection, lightly brushed with Roquefort and sage butter, and sitting on a pool of rich Bordelaise sauce. The chicken was accompanied by wild mushrooms and was lightly flavoured with herbs, taken from their garden just outside the back door. Topping the chicken was a black truffle sauce enhanced by a hint of cognac. Everything was well-seasoned, with the perfect amount of salt.

Dessert included the option of a Lindt chocolate torte, a vanilla Bourbon crème brûlée or a homemade sorbet. The chocolate torte was slightly bitter and could have used some sweet cream on the side, but the crème brûlée was completely creamy underneath the shard of sugar.

For me, more than just fond food memories linger at the West End Station Bistro. It's that perfect combination of fine food shared with friends over intimate stories.

On the web

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Grilled Centre Cut New York Steak (part of the $30 table d'hôte).

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
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In brief

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Jackson brother hospitalized
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NEIL PATRICK HARRIS gets lavish birthday gifts, **LINDSAY LOHAN** has one thing on her mind, **NICOLE "SNOOKI" POLIZZI** isn't dating your childhood idol, and **RUSSELL BRAND** tries to put a positive spin on things.

@ActuallyNPH The CBS gang got me perhaps the coolest gift ever - the actual Immunity Idol from Survivor: China! @lindsaylohan Lakers Lakers Lakers!! @Snooki @jordanknight so I'm in the cab and see a headline of us dating LOL! The things twitter does! U know I got all love for you J-rock :) @rustyrockets I think Vuvezelas sound nice; like having bees arguing with kazoos in my mind.

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Kruger's marriage philosophy

MOVE OVER, NIETZSCHE Diane Kruger has been happily dating Fringe star Joshua Jackson since 2006, but don't expect them to walk down the aisle anytime soon. "I'm not religious, so that aspect of it means nothing," the German actress tells Allure magazine. "Don't get me wrong — I believe in commitment. But out of experience, I know if that goes away, no paper you have signed will keep you around."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Brian Austin Green flubs *Foxy* proposal

AND THUS RECONFIRMS WHY DAVID SILVER NEVER, EVER GOT THE HOT CHICK While vacationing in Hawaii, Brian Austin Green reportedly proposed to girlfriend Megan Fox, but the celebration didn't last too long since the ring slid off and got lost in the sand, according to Us Weekly. "I saw her jumping up and down," a witness says of the oceanside proposal. "Later, I saw a half-dozen staff sifting through the sand." The couple reportedly picked out the two-carat diamond ring together in Beverly Hills. "Security and maintenance staff spent a couple of hours looking for it," a source says. "No one found it."

METRO WORLD NEWS

No funeral for Coleman

LET THE MAN REST IN PEACE ALREADY! The independent attorney appointed to oversee the property and cremation of late actor Gary Coleman said yesterday there will be no funeral services for the former child TV star.

A Utah judge on Monday named Robert Jeffs the special administrator of Coleman's estate.

Jeffs told the Associated Press yesterday that Coleman's 2005 will specifies that there should be no funeral services.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sheridan amends abuse claim

***DESPERATE* FOR THAT CASH** Nicolette Sheridan still stands behind her lawsuit against Desperate Housewives creator Marc Cherry and the show's network, ABC, but she's now amended her claim, according to Reuters.

Sheridan now alleges that representatives for the network investigated her claim that Cherry physically abused her on the set of the show and told her it was only a "light tap on the side of the head for the sole purpose of providing direction for a scene they were rehearsing."

Sheridan is seeking $20 million for wrongful termination, assault and discrimination after she was let go from the popular series in 2008.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Beyonce puts a kibosh on it

THEREBY SENDING THE YOUTUBE COMMUNITY INTO PAROXYSMS OF GRIEF Though the dance moves have become iconic, inspiring versions by Liza Minelli, Joe Jonas and countless others, Beyonce Knowles is reportedly retiring Single Ladies, according to Popcrunch. "Beyonce loves the fact the video and the routine have been so huge and has really enjoyed performing Single Ladies live, but that's it now. She's moving on," a source says. "She doesn't want to be part of a long-term joke. That's not to say she doesn't get a big kick out of watching other people do it."

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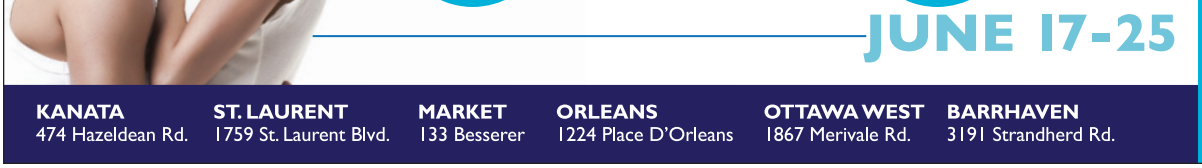

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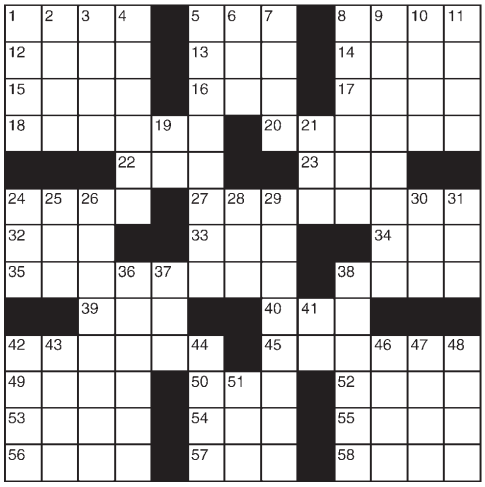

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Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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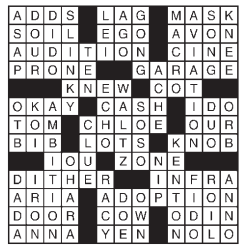

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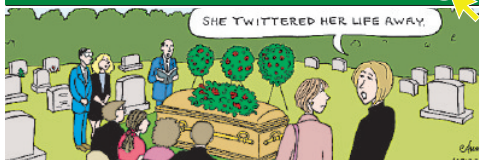

Metro Recipe of the Day

Iron Skillet Shrimp with Lemon Chili Butter

Recipe Developed by Paula Bowman
Photo: Carlo Mendoza

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup quartered cherry tomatoes
1/4 cup unsalted butter
2 tsp seeded and finely chopped jalapeño pepper
2 tsp finely chopped garlic
1 tsp lemon zest
1 tbsp lemon juice
1 tsp kosher salt
1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper
3 tbsp olive oil
1 lb large shrimp (21–30 per pound), peeled, deveined and dried on paper towels
2 tbsp chopped parsley
1 loaf country white bread or focaccia, sliced and toasted

METHOD:

1. In the small bowl of a food processor, combine butter, jalapeno, garlic, lemon zest and juice, 1/4 tsp salt and pepper; process until well blended. Slowly add 2 tablespoons of oil and continue to process until smooth. Transfer to a small bowl and place in freezer until firm, about 5 minutes.
2. Toss shrimp in oil and salt. Heat over high heat until it begins to smoke. Add shrimp in a single layer and cook, turning once, until they are opaque in the centre and pink in colour, about 2 minutes per side. Add tomatoes and stir briefly. Remove skillet from heat, add butter and shake pan it has melted. Add parsley, stir and transfer skillet directly to table.

SERVES 4

- *You can also serve this recipe with Tomato Basil Salad. Find the recipe at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You have been running around so much lately that various people seem to think you have forgotten about them.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will look back today and realize just how silly it was to get annoyed about things which, in the greater scheme of things, are of no real importance.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
The Sun will be leaving your sign in a matter of days, so get cracking on all those things you have been promising to do but never quite got around to.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You will be counting your blessings today, which will increase dramatically early next week when the Sun moves into your sign.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Anyone who tries to take liberties is going to be in for a shock. You won't take nonsense from anyone today.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
The last few weeks may not have been easy but adverse events have toughened you up and made you believe that you can handle anything.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
As the Sun approaches the midheaven angle of your chart over the next few days you will get the chance to prove yourself to those in power.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You have been somewhat suspicious of late but when the Sun moves in your favor on the 21st your attitude will become a lot more positive.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
It would appear that you are no longer willing to give someone the benefit of the doubt when they mess things up.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
In a matter of days the Sun will move into your opposite sign, making this the ideal time to look back over the first half of the year.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Like it or not you will have to pace yourself over the next few weeks. You have pushed your boundaries to their limits, physically and emotionally.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Life has been rather demanding of late, but in a matter of days you will find it easier to please yourself for a change.

This day in history

1885: The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor.
1944: Iceland declares independence from Denmark and becomes a republic.
1958: The Wooden Roller Coaster at Playland, which is in the Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver opens. It is still open today.
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